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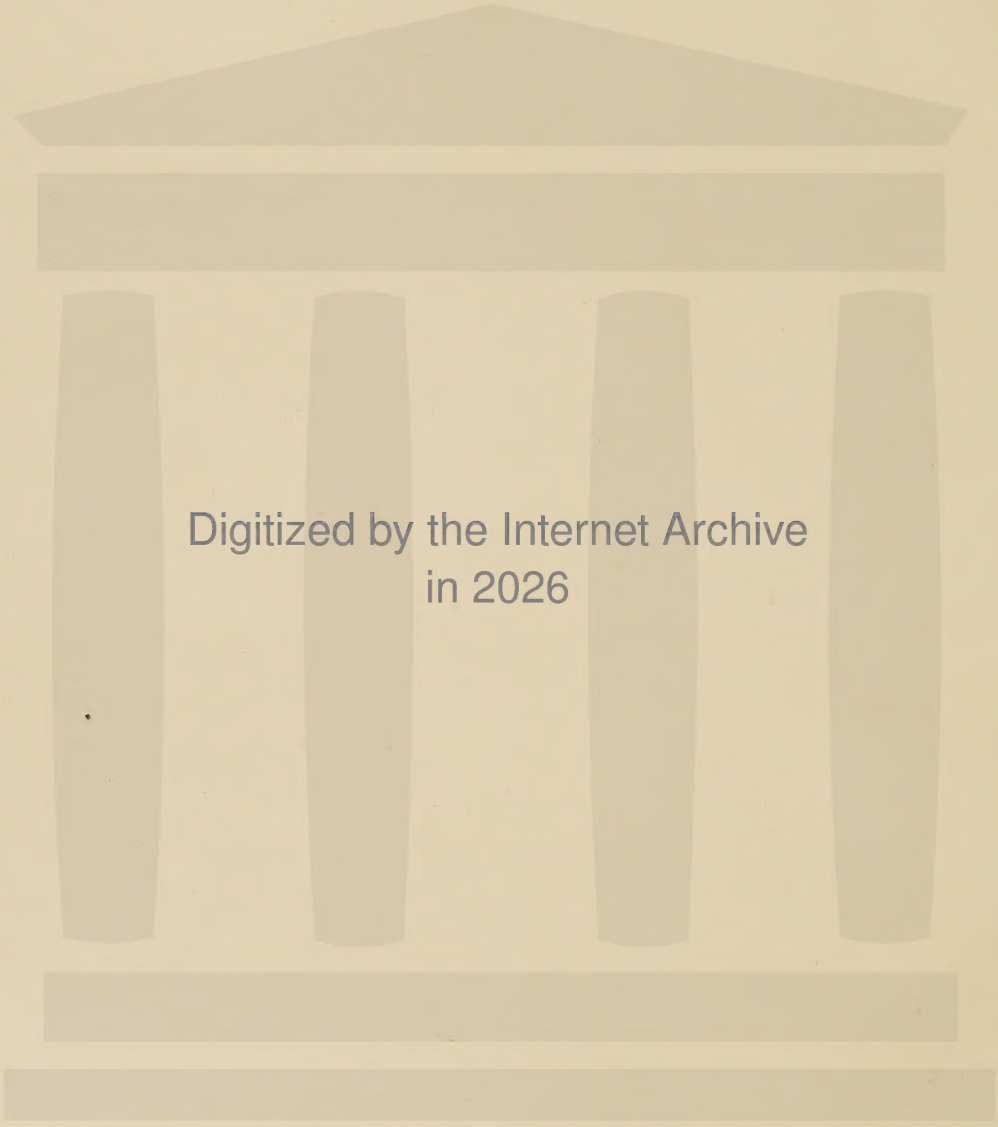
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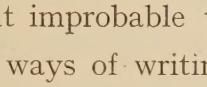
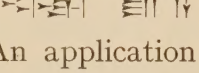
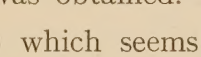
The fourth part of Cuneiform Texts from Cappadocian Tablets contains the texts from one hundred and eight documents of the class called "letters," and concludes the publication of the material of this kind in the British Museum. The series will be completed by a fifth and last part in which the remainder of the business documents will be included.

The texts continue to throw important light upon the language and social customs of the Semitic communities in Asia Minor and Northern Syria at the end of the third millennium. Attention may be drawn to the following points of interest. The documents No. 115159 (Plate 16) and No. 133356 (Plate 39) render it improbable that in these tablets  and  are variant ways of writing the same name. An application of a son to his father to be taught the art of the scribe is to be found in No. 115085 (Plate 6); in No. 151199 (Plate 6) there is an injunction to make a sacrifice "before your god" and to offer the sum of 5 refined gold shekels, one of the rare allusions to religious cults in these documents. The first certain mention of a king occurs in No. 113271 (Plate 50), and there is probably another instance in No. 113334 (Plate 30); in the latter case the king seems to have been resident at Ḫaḫu, a district in Asia Minor whence gold-dust was obtained. In the same document there appears a body of ten men () which seems to have had judicial functions. The "interpreter," *tarkumanu*, appears in No. 113325 (Plate 29). Of linguistic interest are the use of *ul* in the sense "or" (*see* No. 113573, l. 12) and of *makatu* in the sense "to come in, arrive," (said of goods) (*see* No. 113337 *et freq.*), which are established by the present texts.

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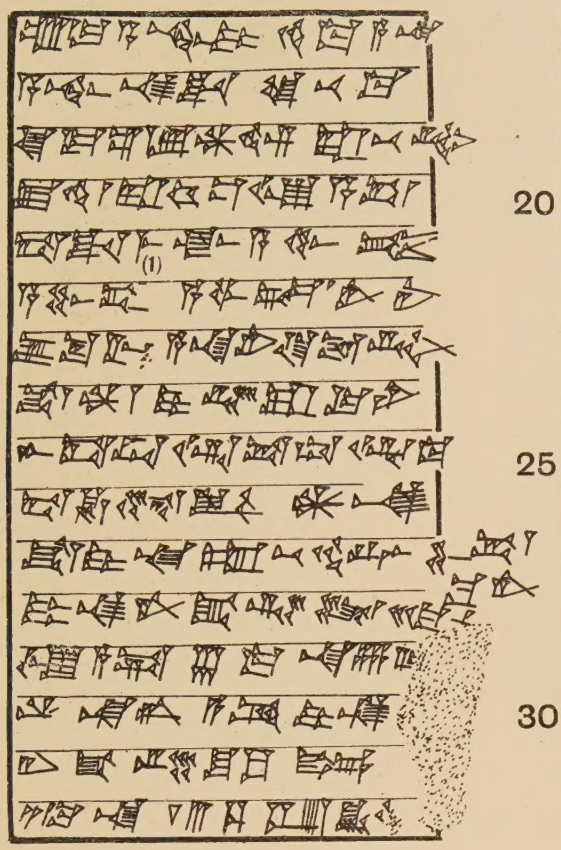

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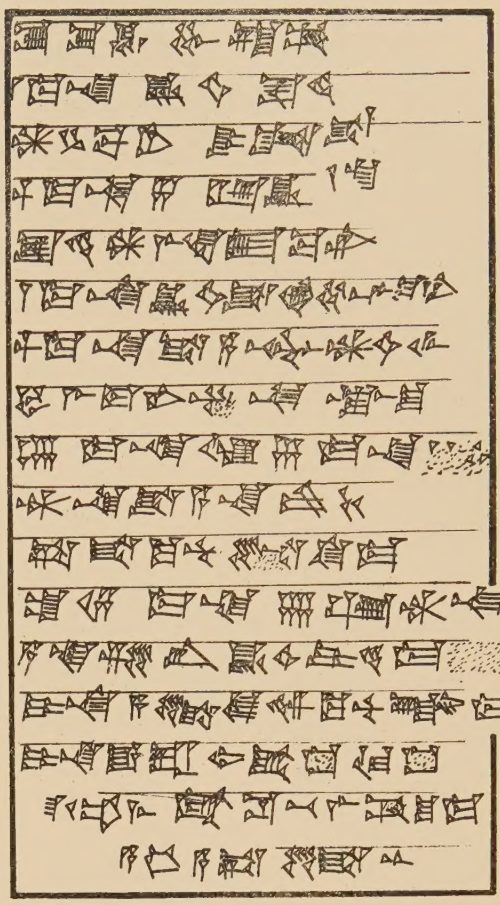

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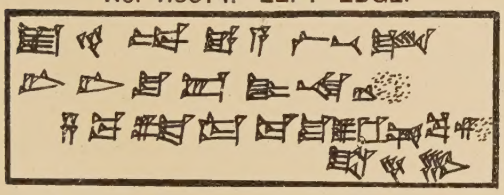

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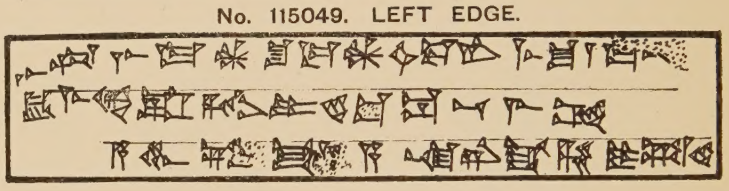

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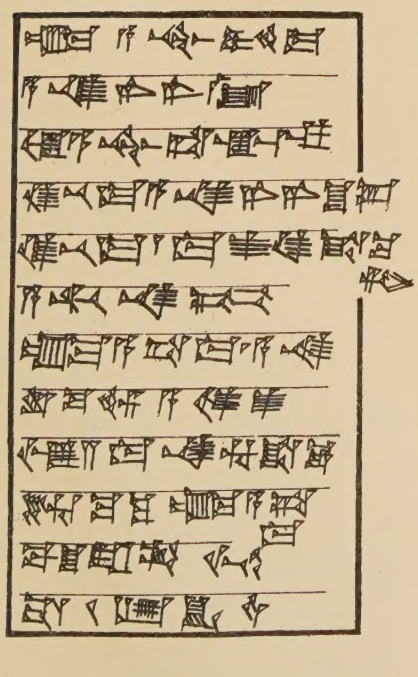

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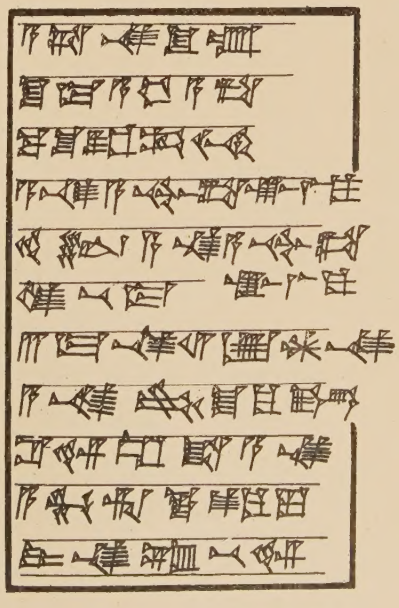

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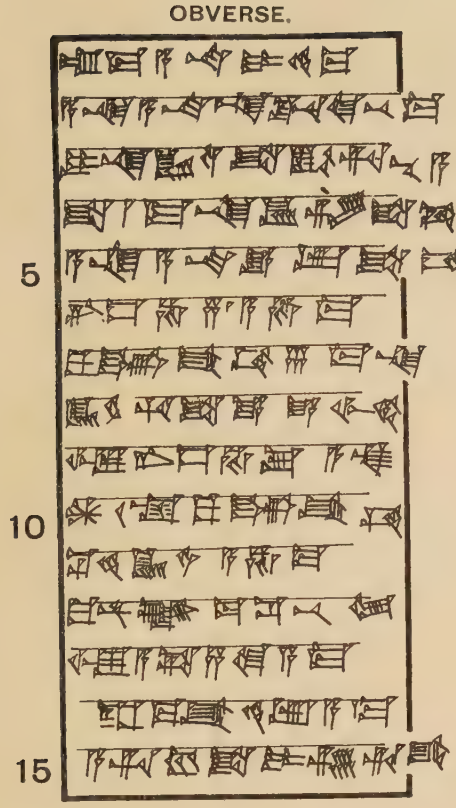

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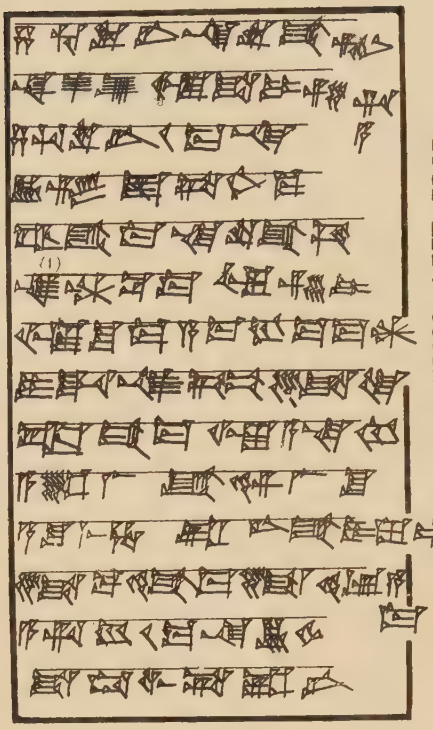

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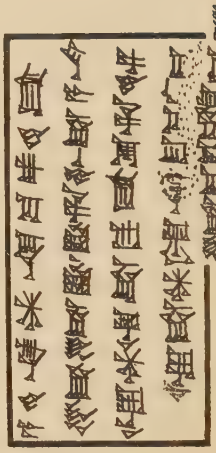

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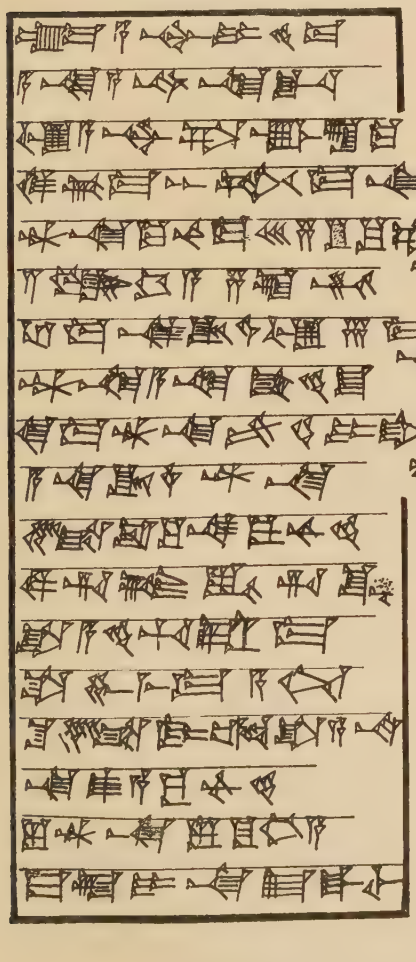

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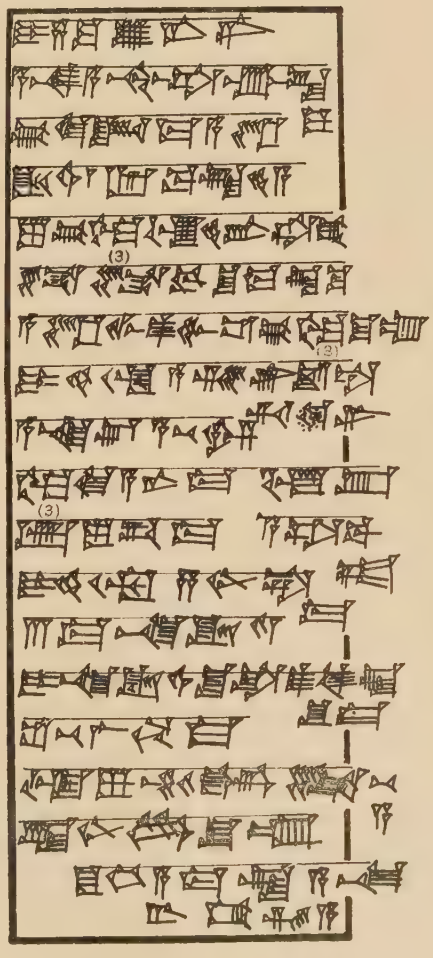

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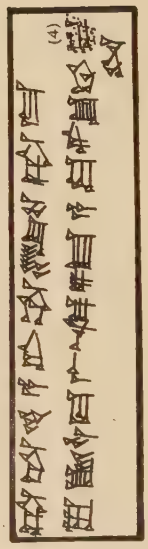

(1) *al* (!). (2) Sign not deciphered. (3) *el*. (4) *ra* (?).

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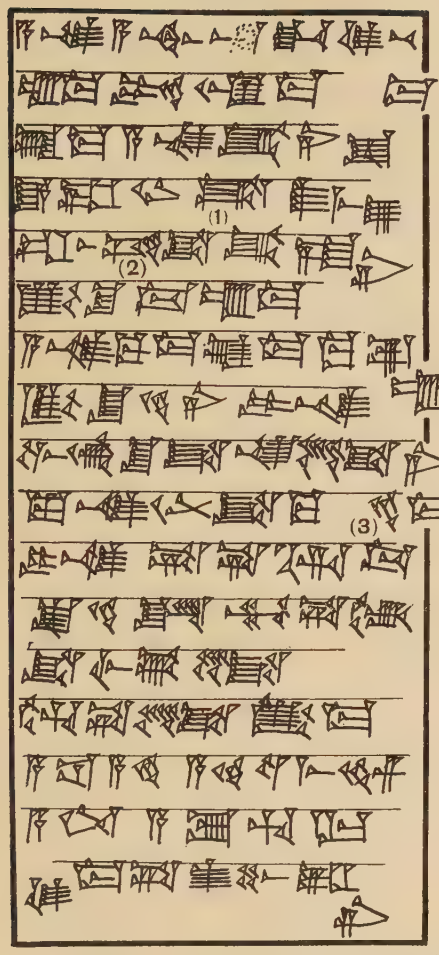

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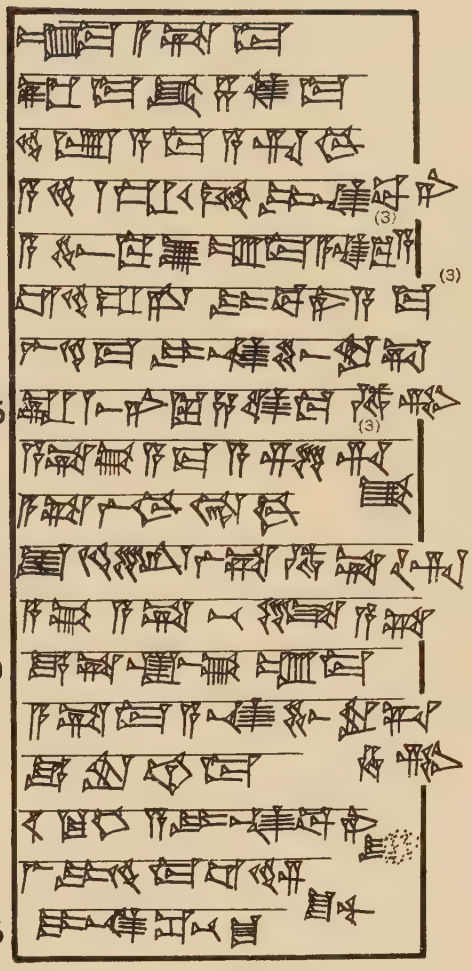

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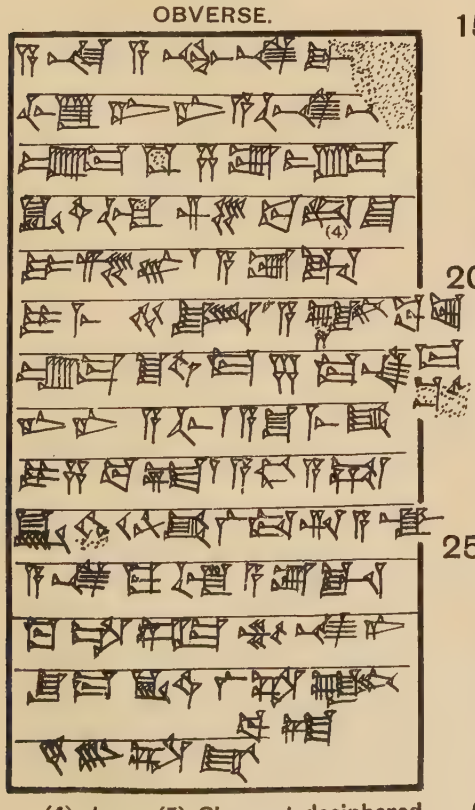

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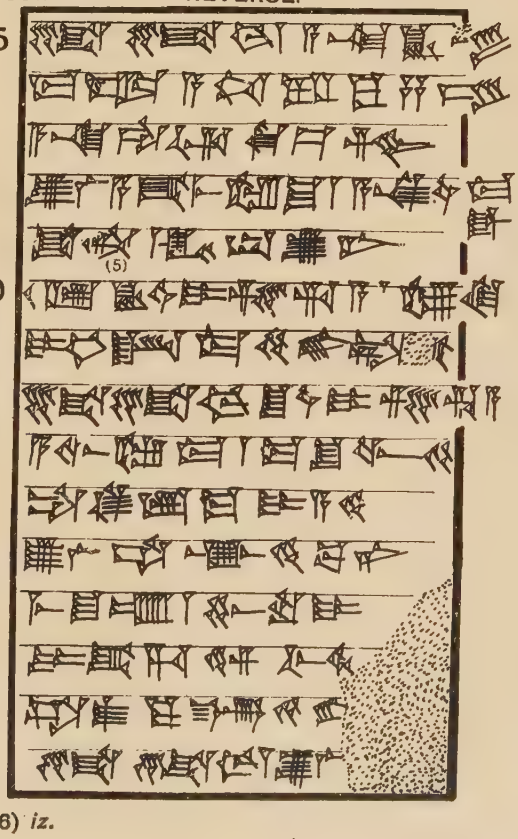

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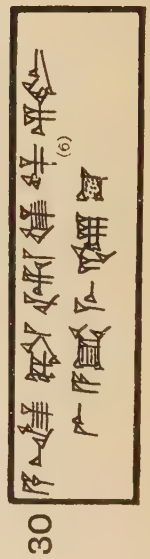

(4) *du*. (5) Sign not deciphered. (6) *iz*.

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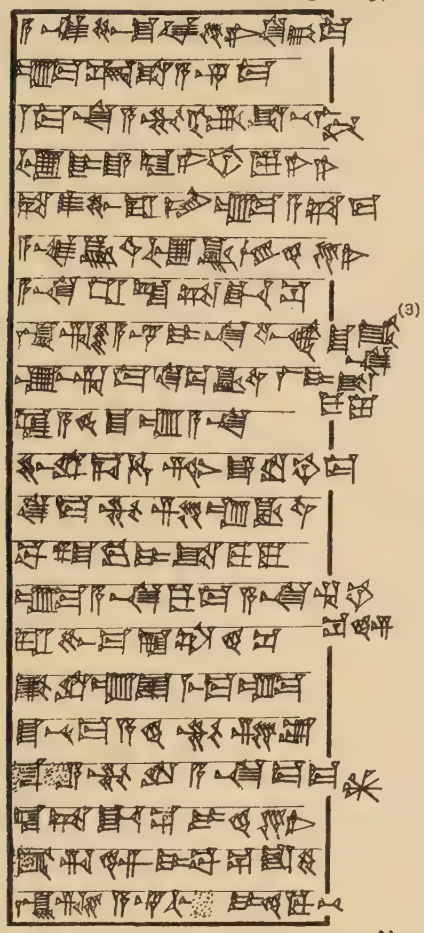

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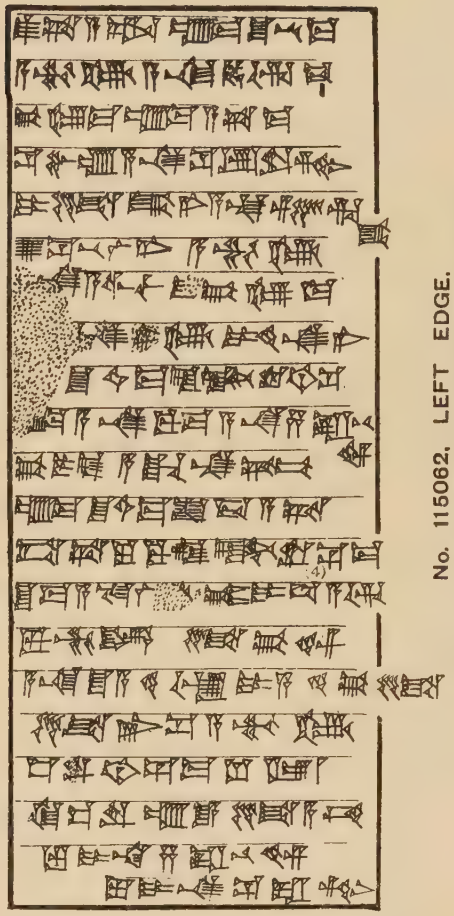

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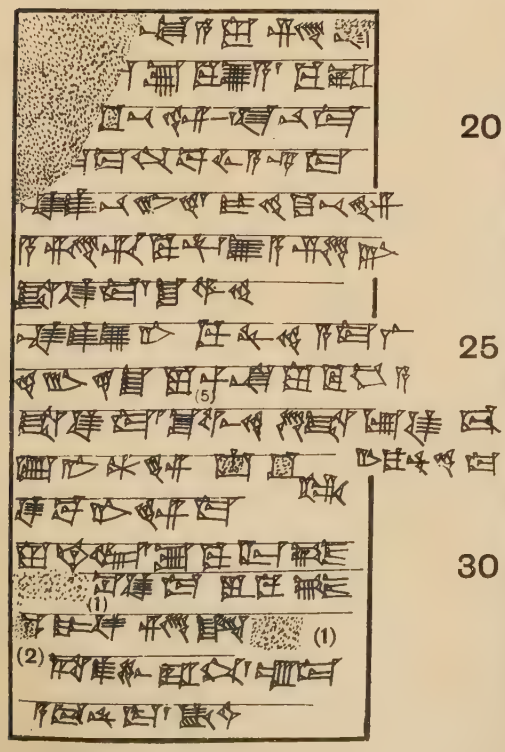

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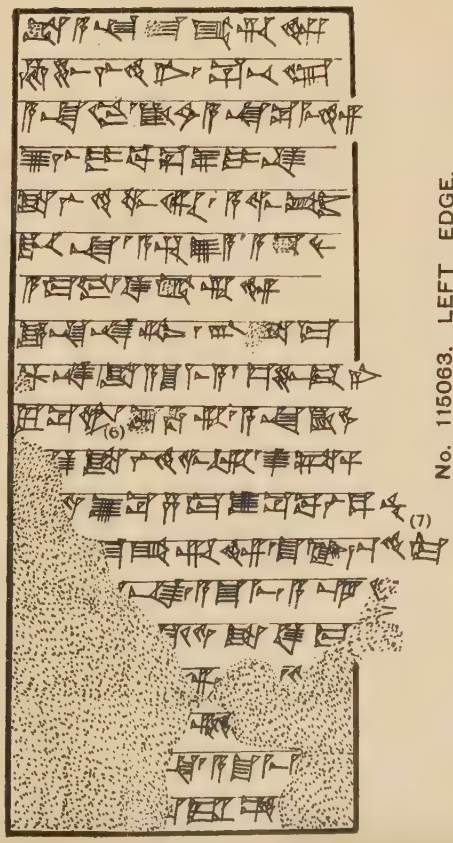

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(1) Erasure by scribe.
(2) Read with line below (?).
(3) Read *ša*.
(4) *ub* omitted by scribe.
(5) *AN*.
(6) *ru*.
(7) Read with line above.

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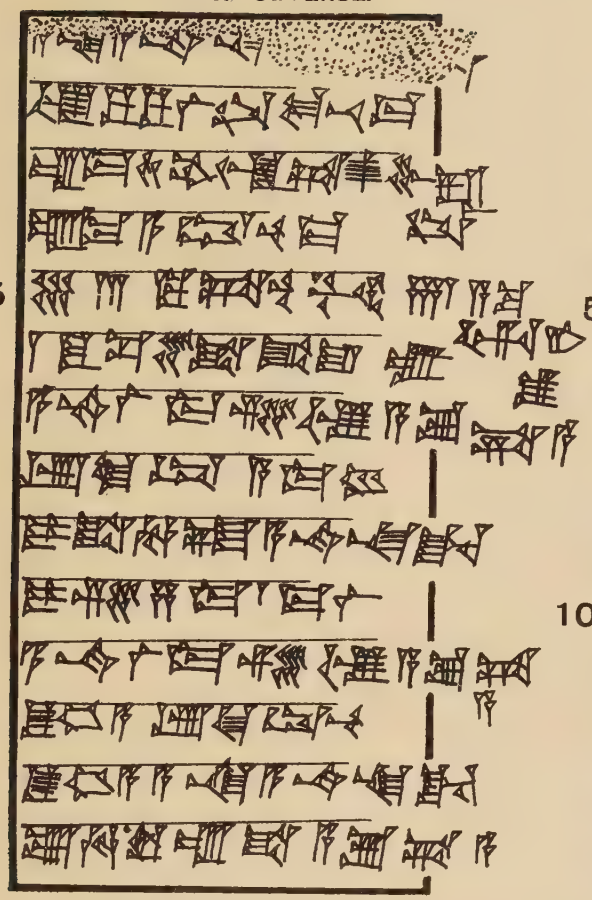

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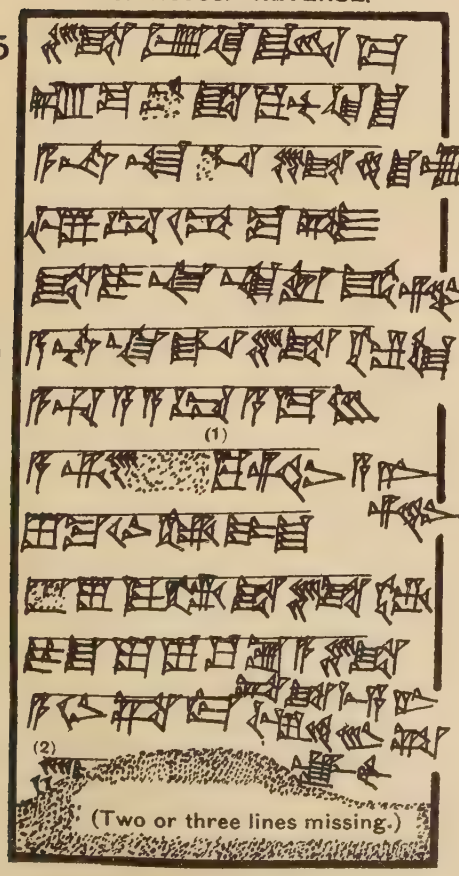

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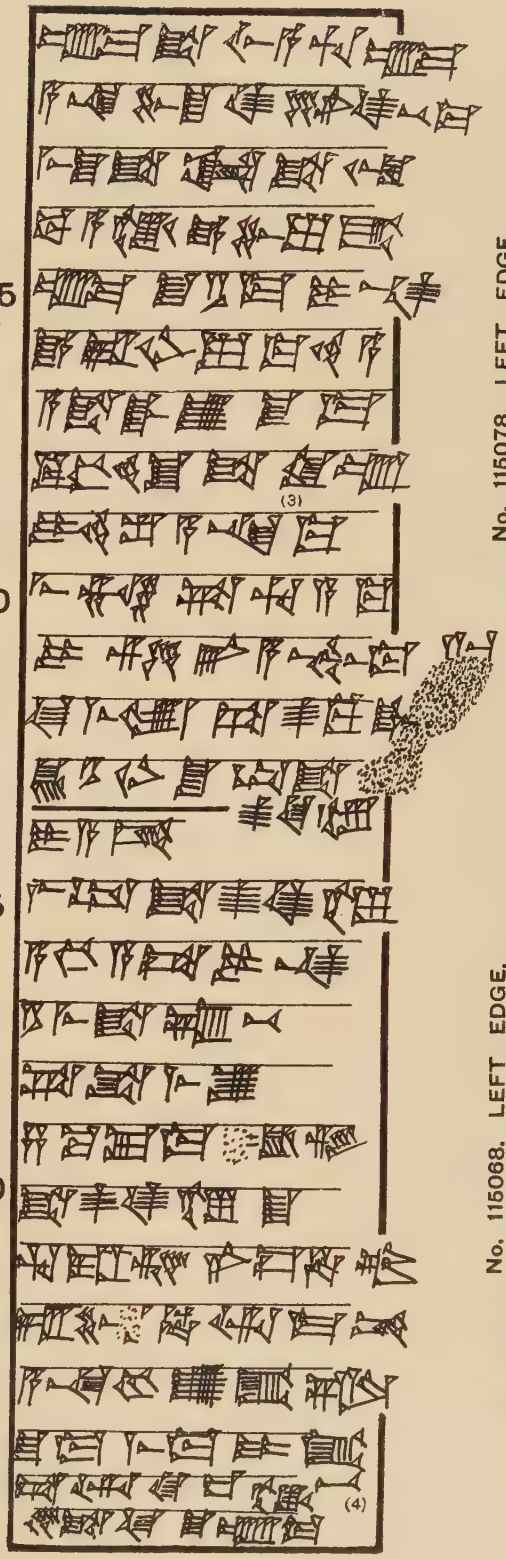

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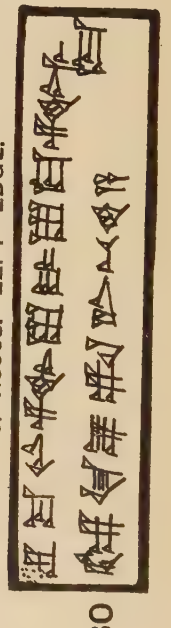

(1) *nu* omitted by scribe.
(2) Read *za*.
(3) *ru* (?).
(4) Read with line above.

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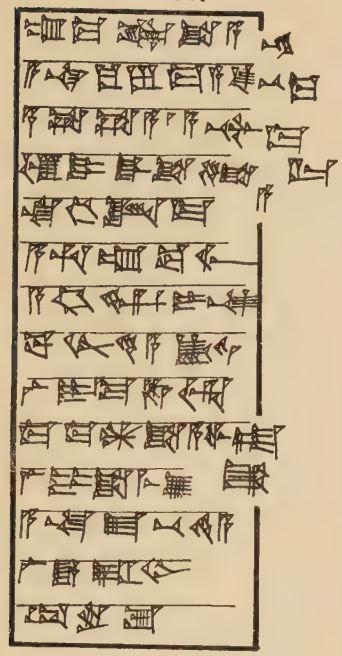

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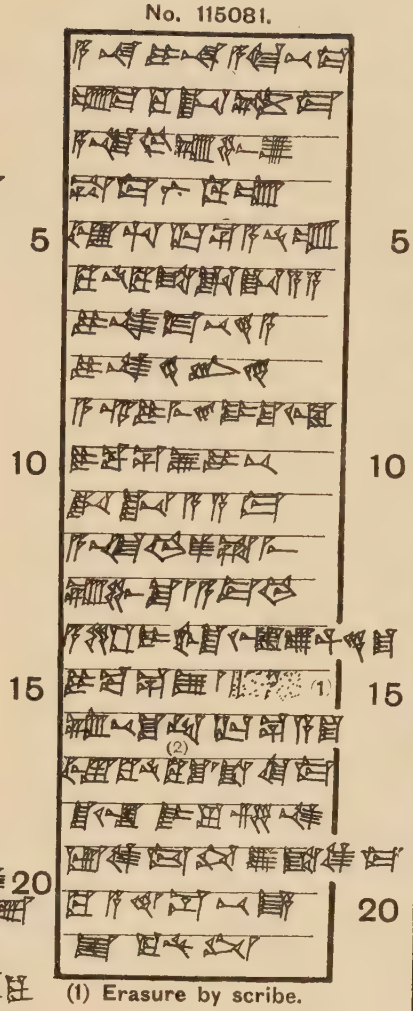

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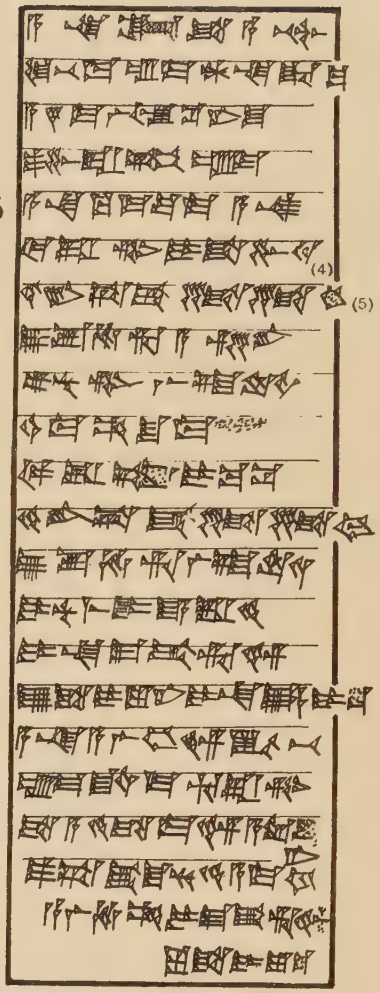

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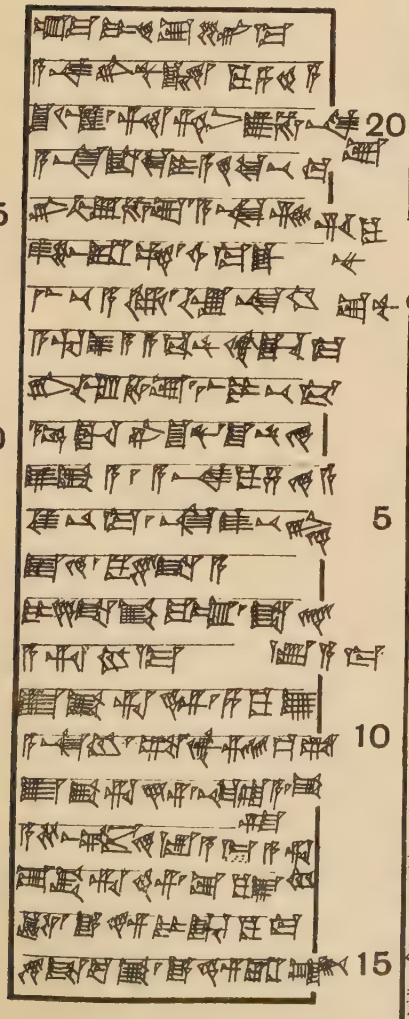

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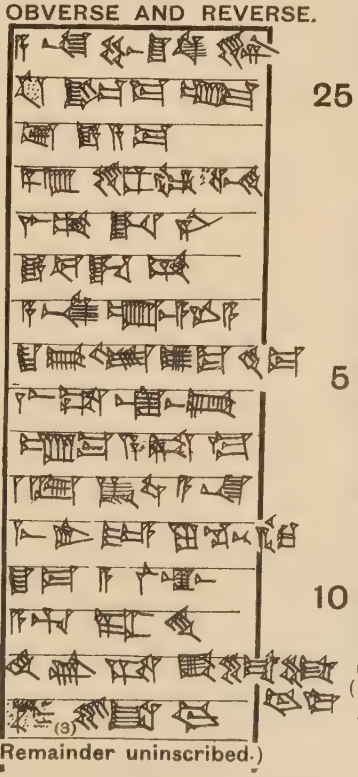

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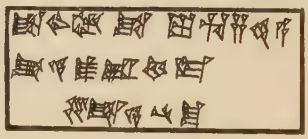

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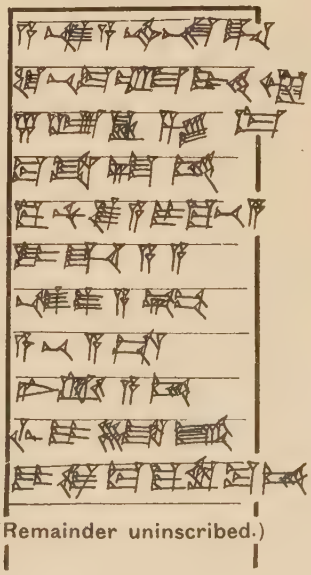

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(2) *hu*. (3) *la* (?). (4) *ki* (?). (5) *ma* omitted after *gam* in copy.

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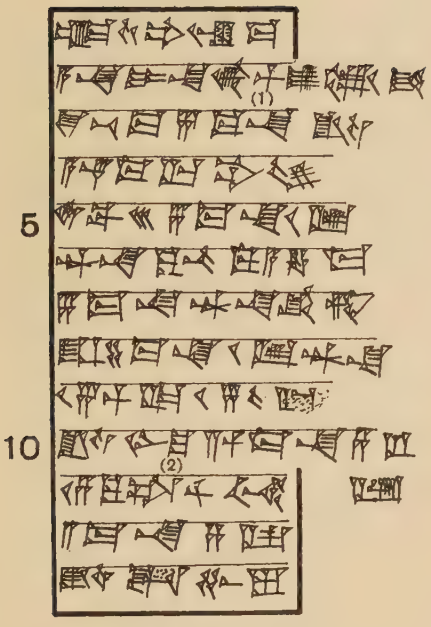

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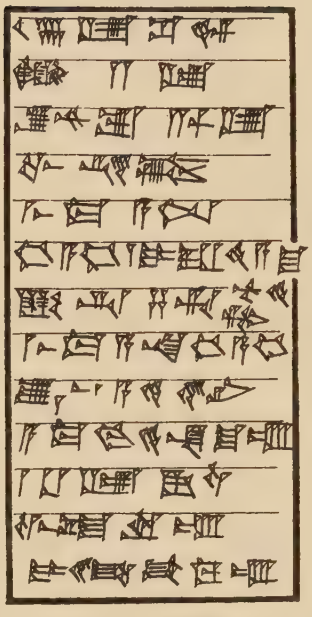

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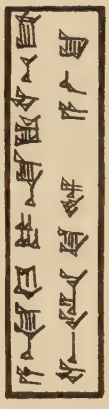

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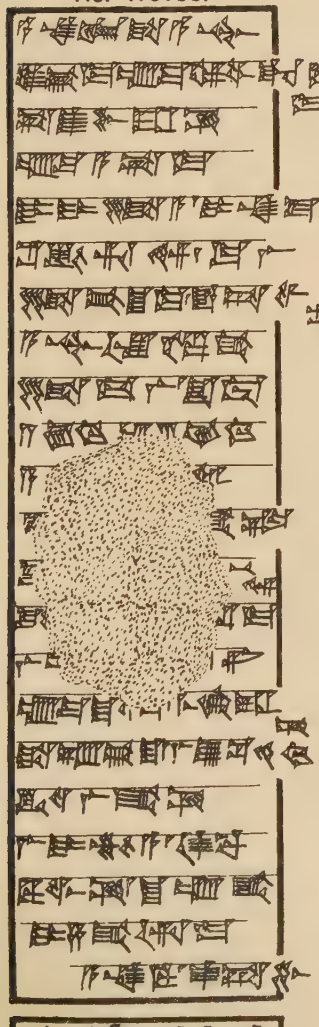

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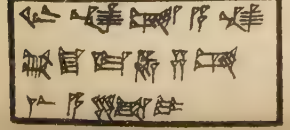

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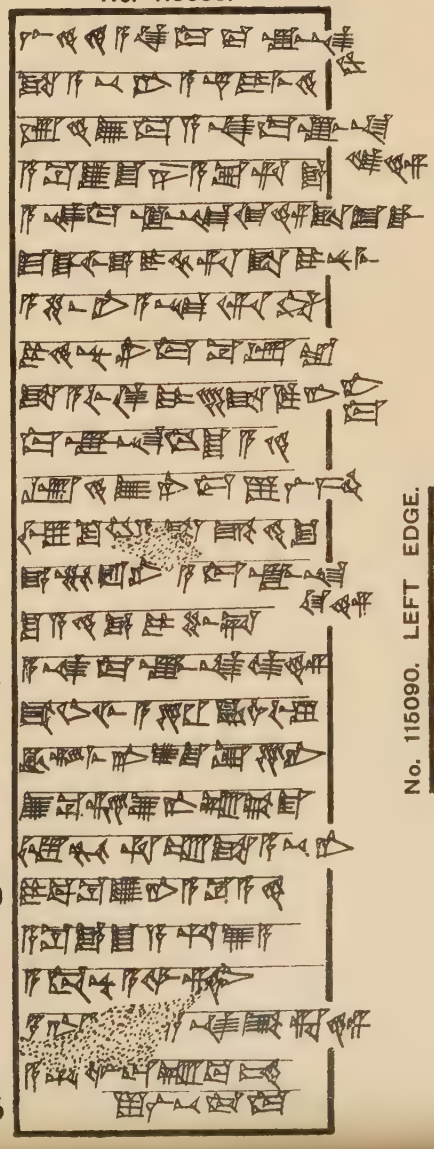

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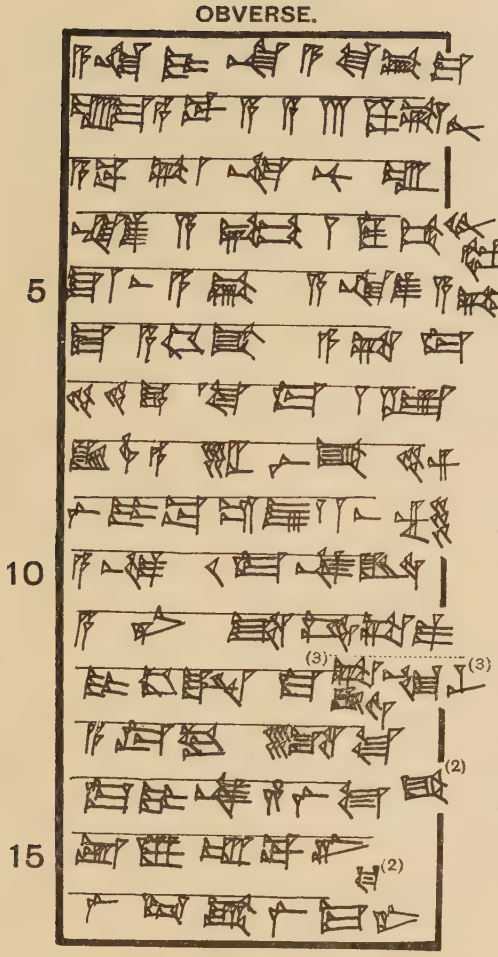

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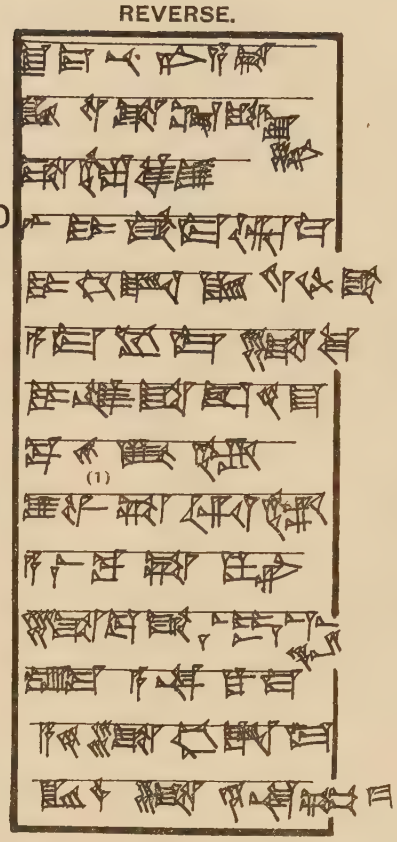

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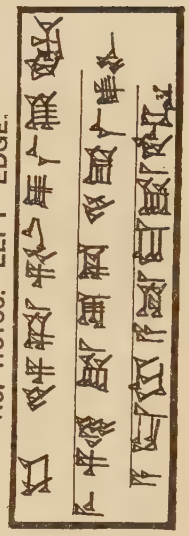

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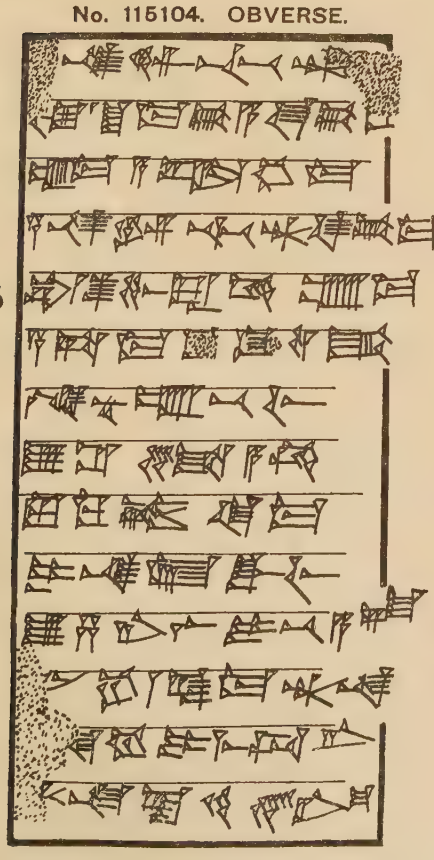

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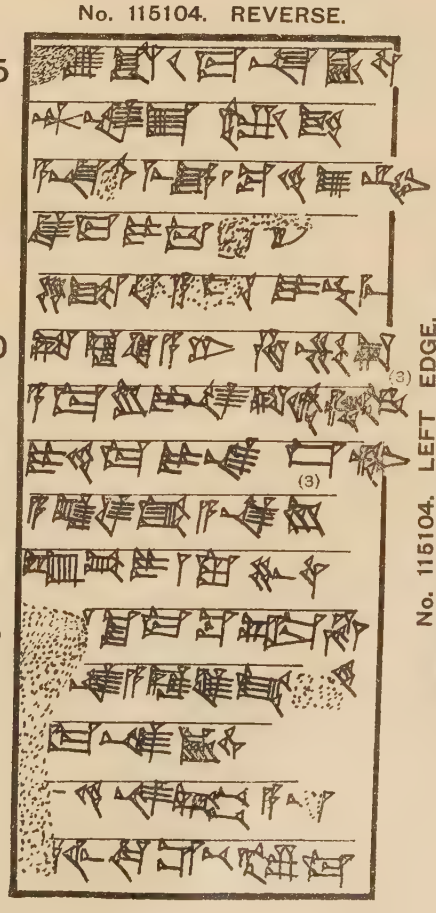

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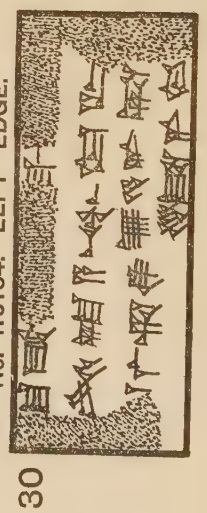

(1) *ti.* (2) Perhaps these signs are to be read with lines 12 and 14. (3) To be read with line above.

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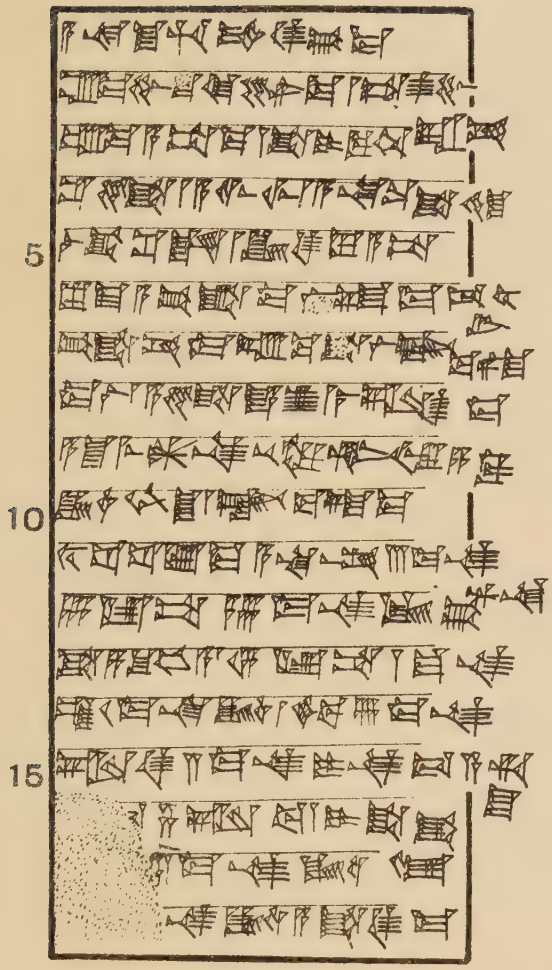

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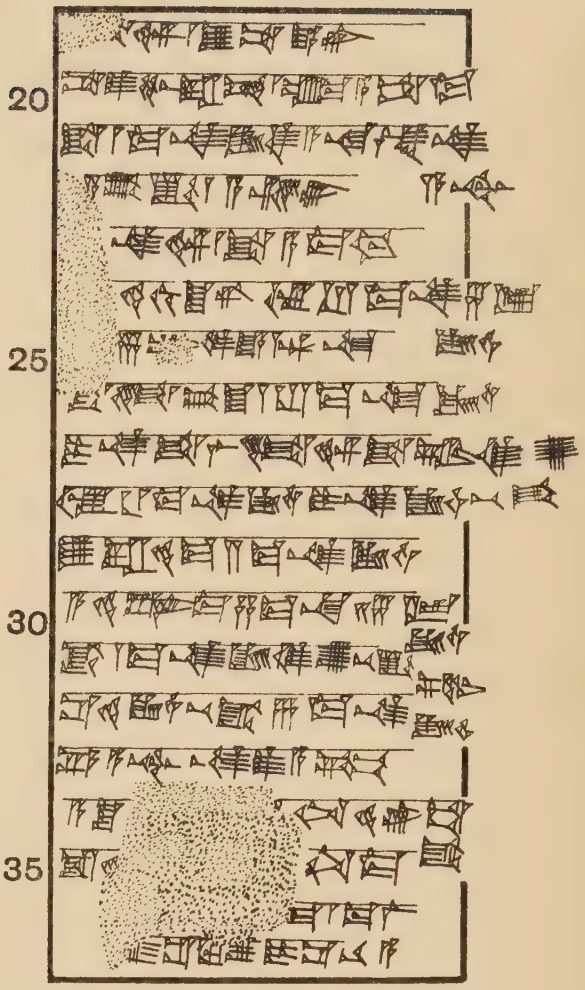

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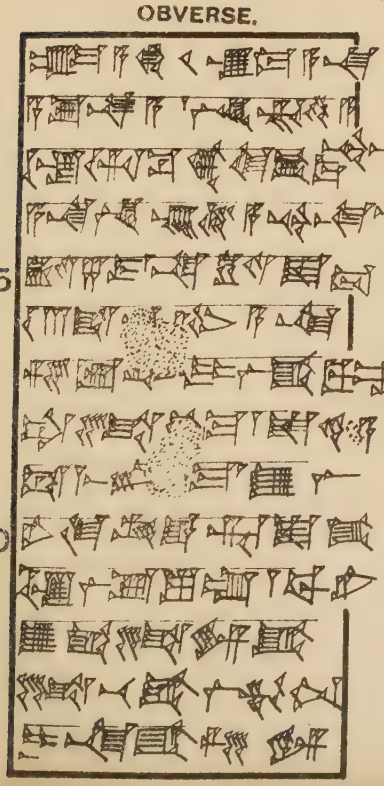

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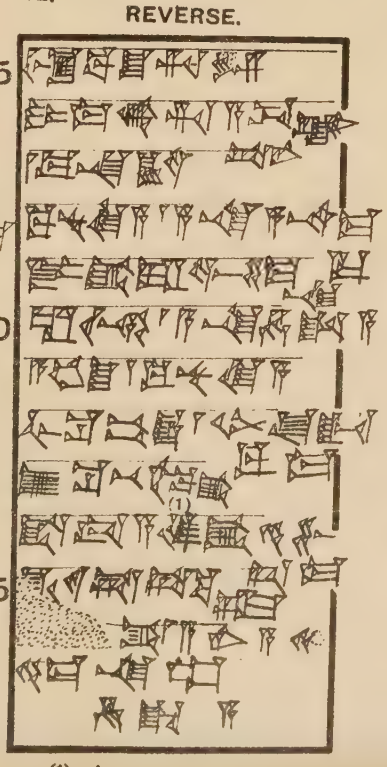

(1) *el.*

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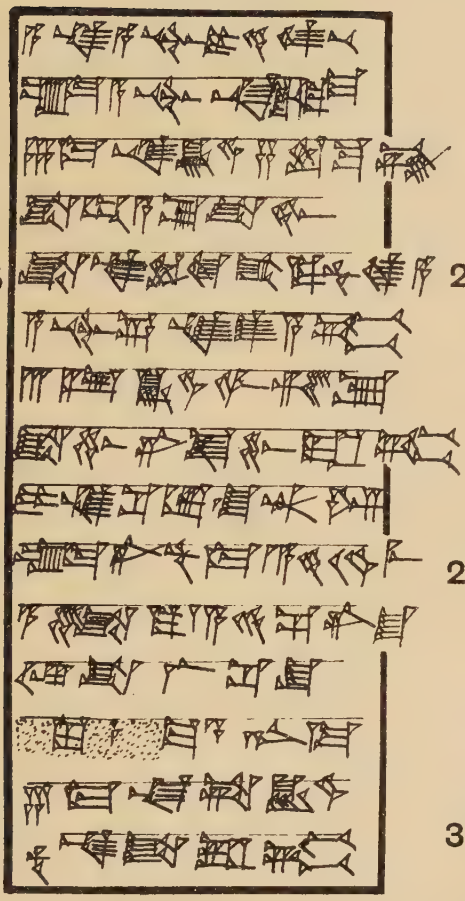

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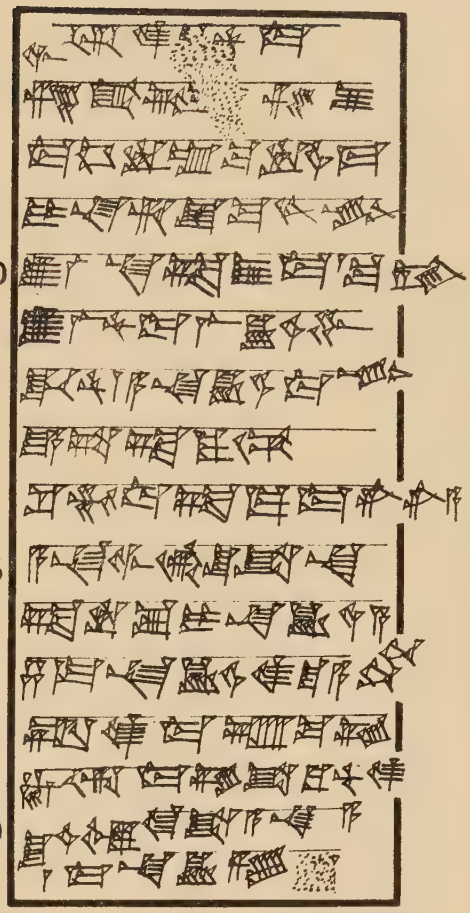

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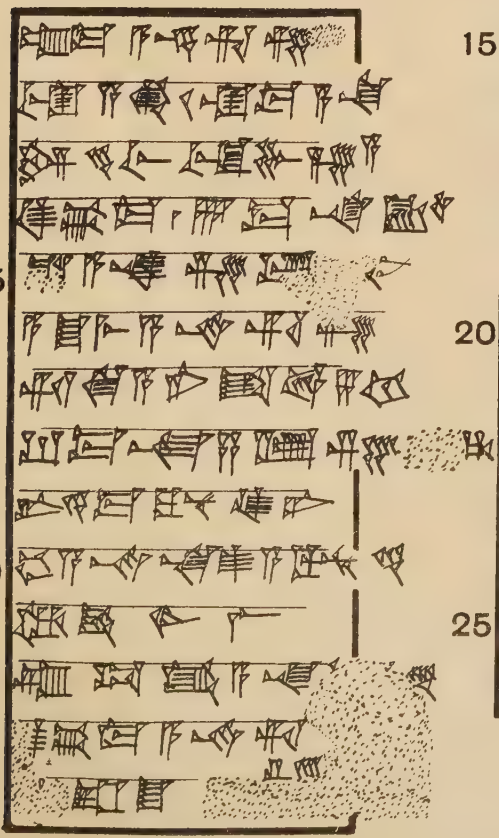

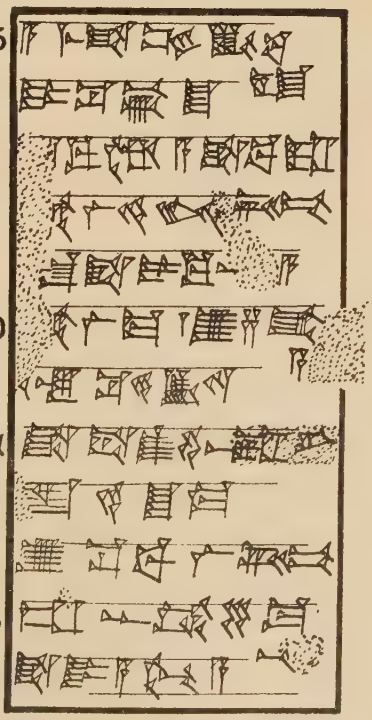

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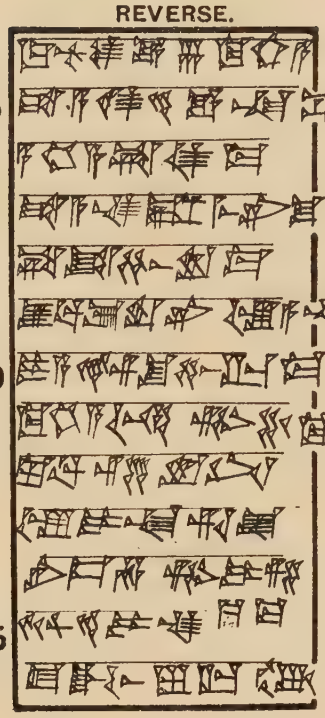
REVERSE.



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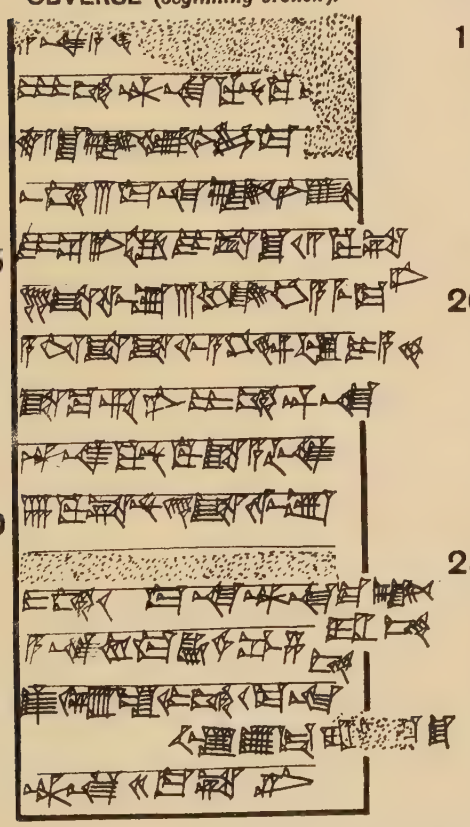
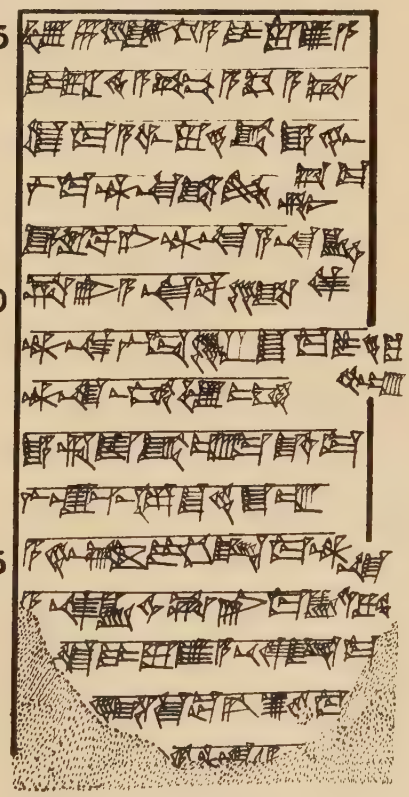
(1) Phonetic prefix (*Bu*)*Bur-Zuin.*
(2) *el.*

No. 115124.

OBVERSE (*beginning broken*).





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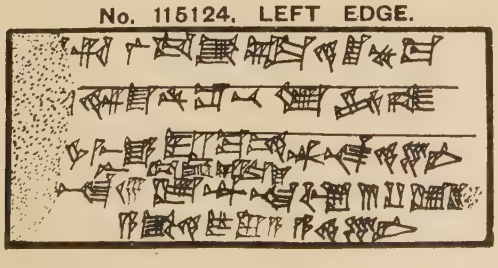

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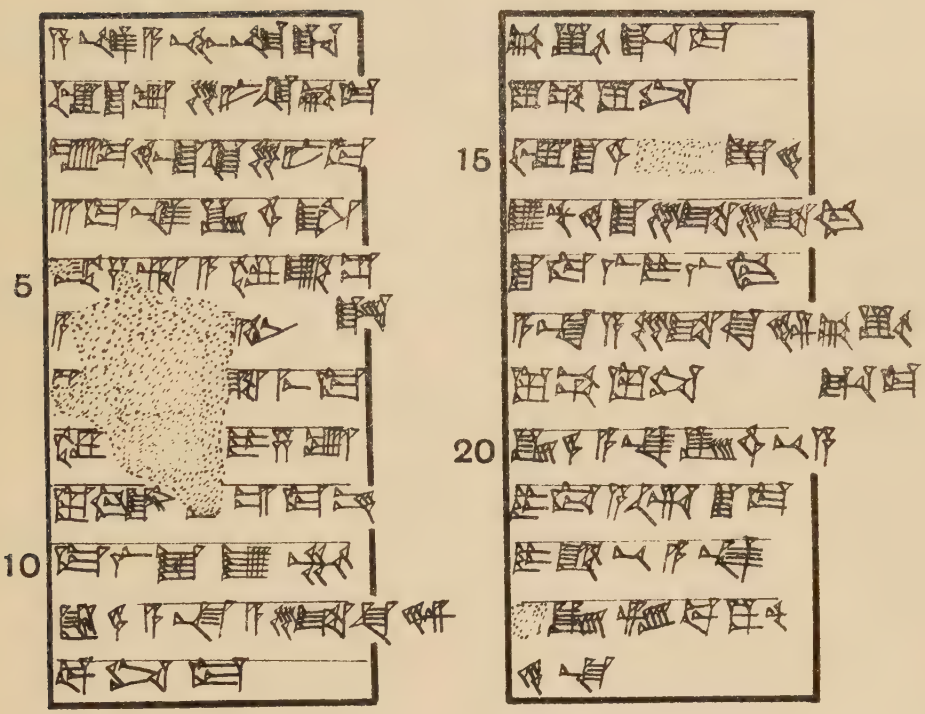

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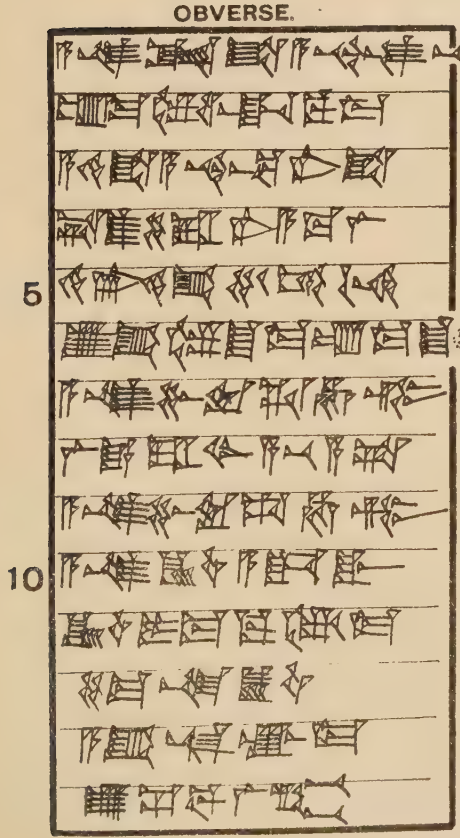

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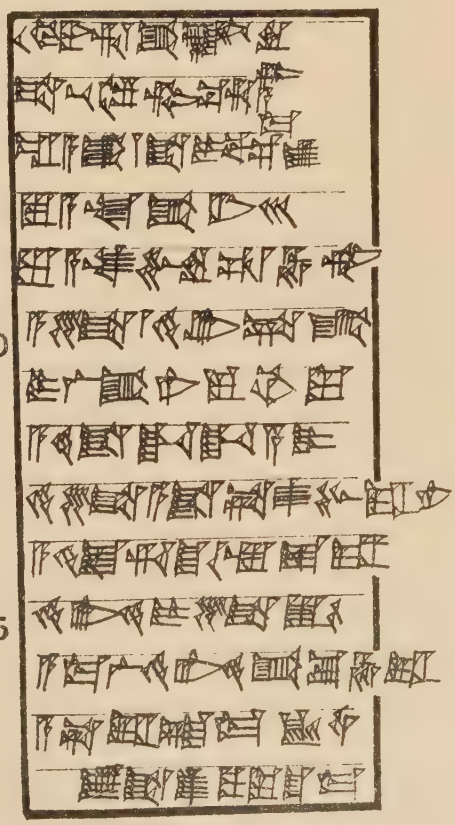

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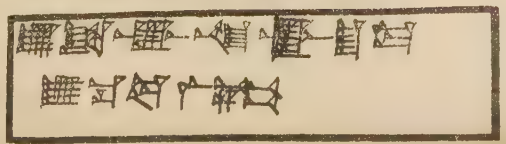

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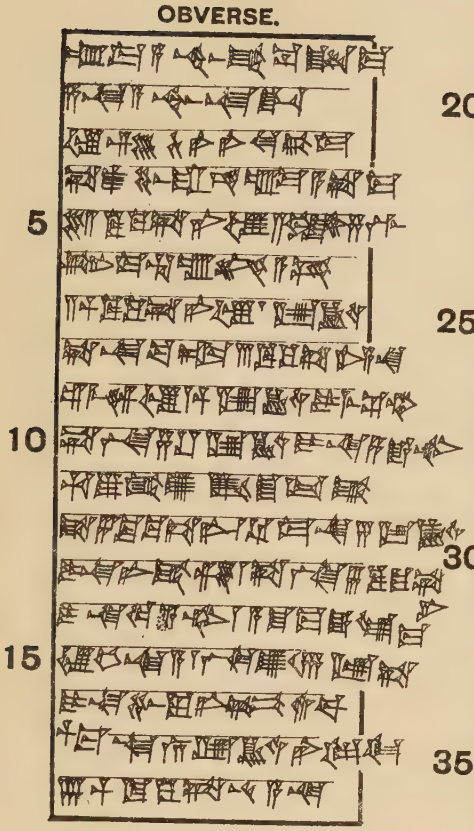

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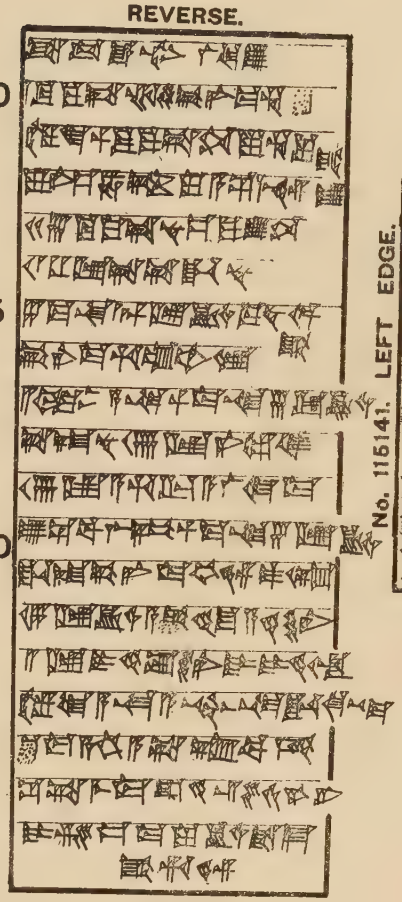

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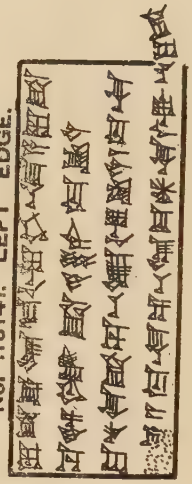

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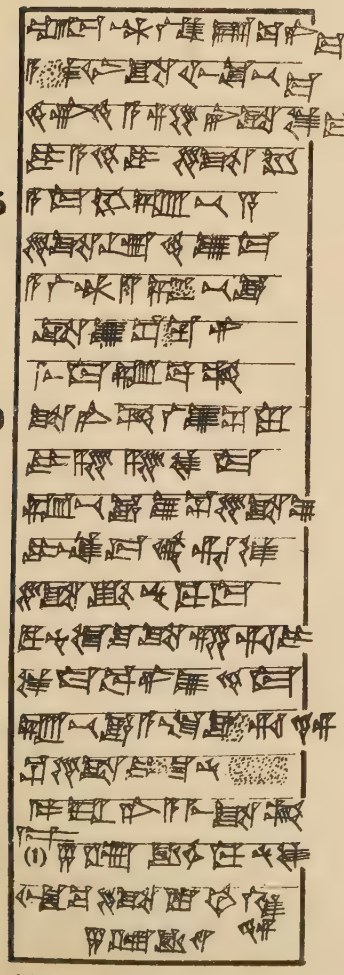

(1) *ha.*

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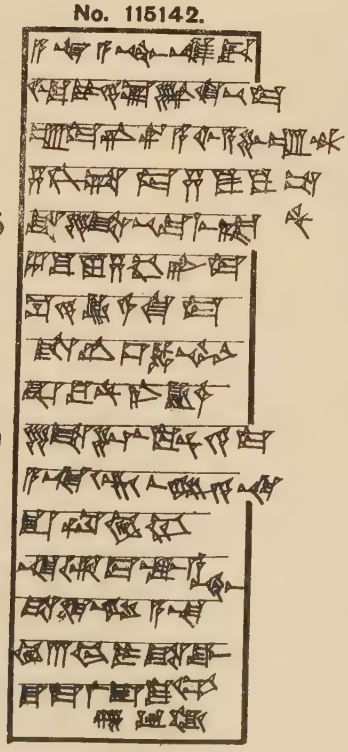

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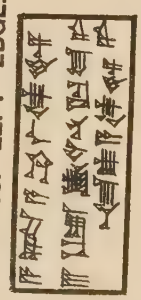

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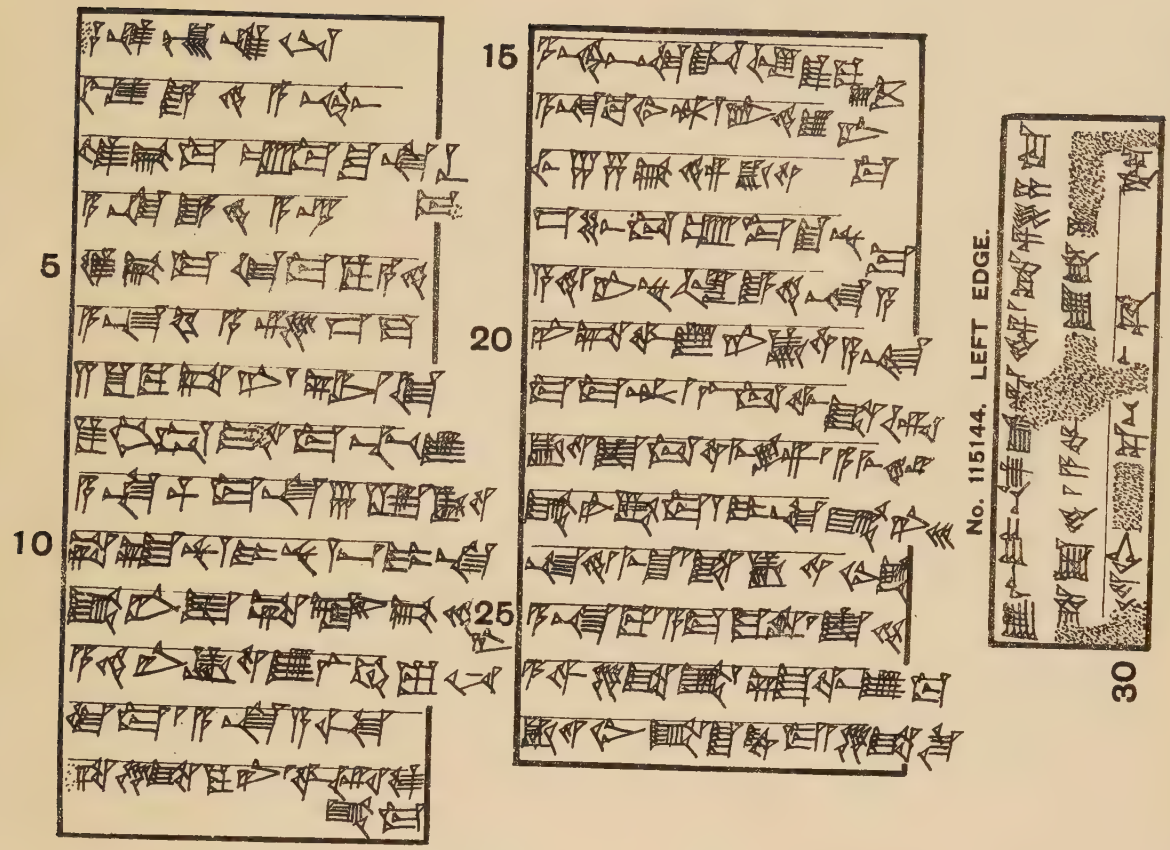

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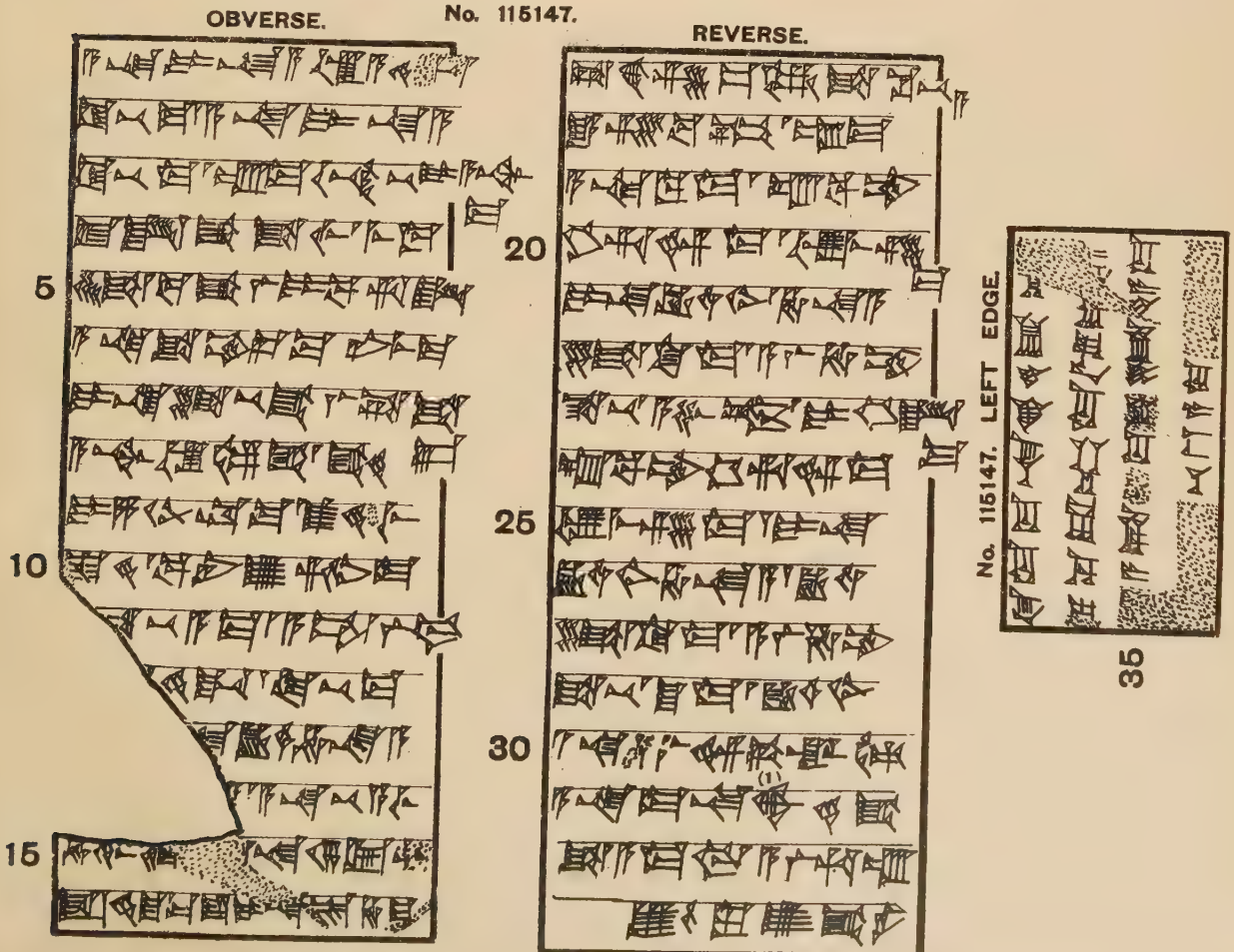

(1) Error in copy. Read *ta*.

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No. 115149.

No. 115151.

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No. 115149. LEFT EDGE.

No. 115198. LEFT EDGE.

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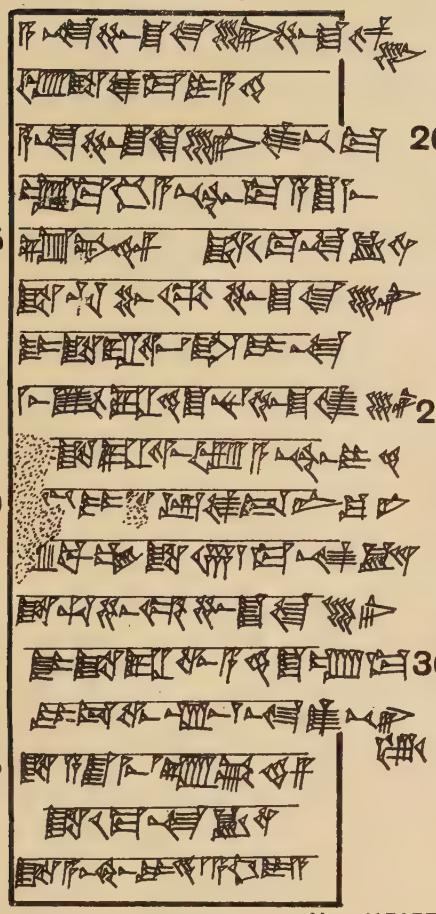

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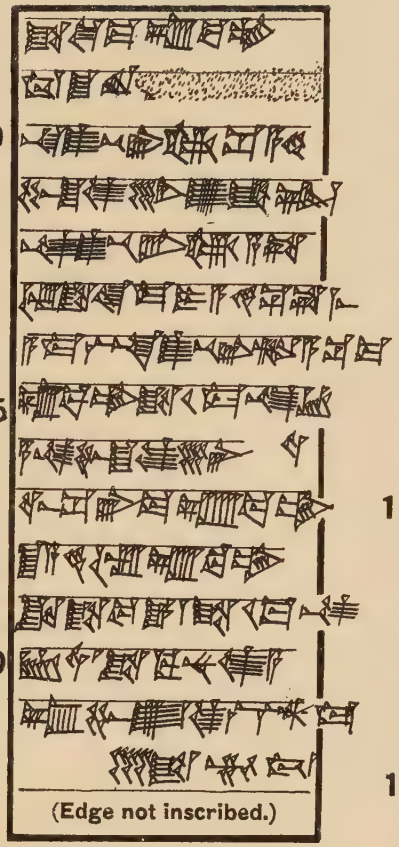

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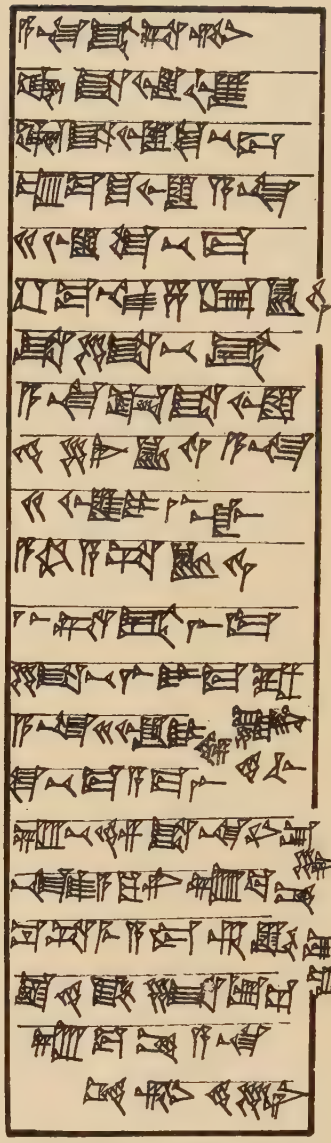

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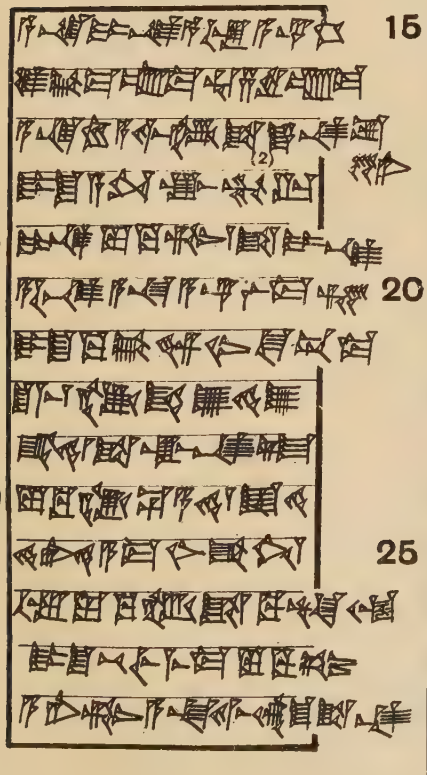

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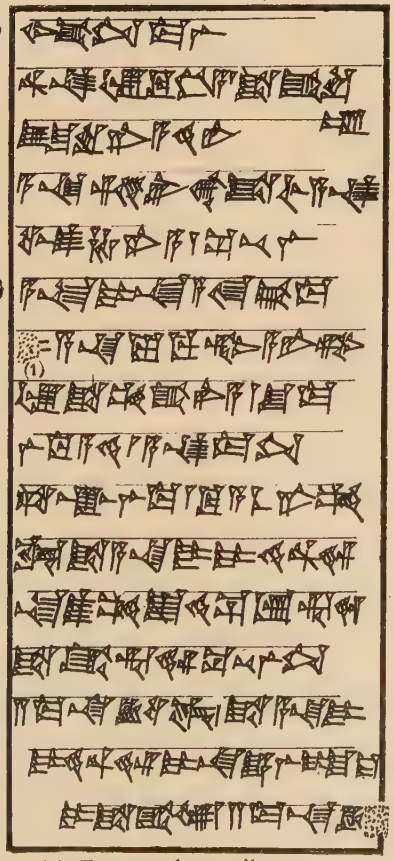
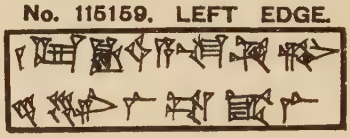


(1) Erasure by scribe.

(2) *e*.

(3) To be read with line above.

No. 115159. LEFT EDGE.



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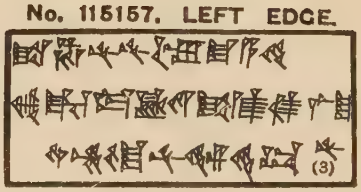

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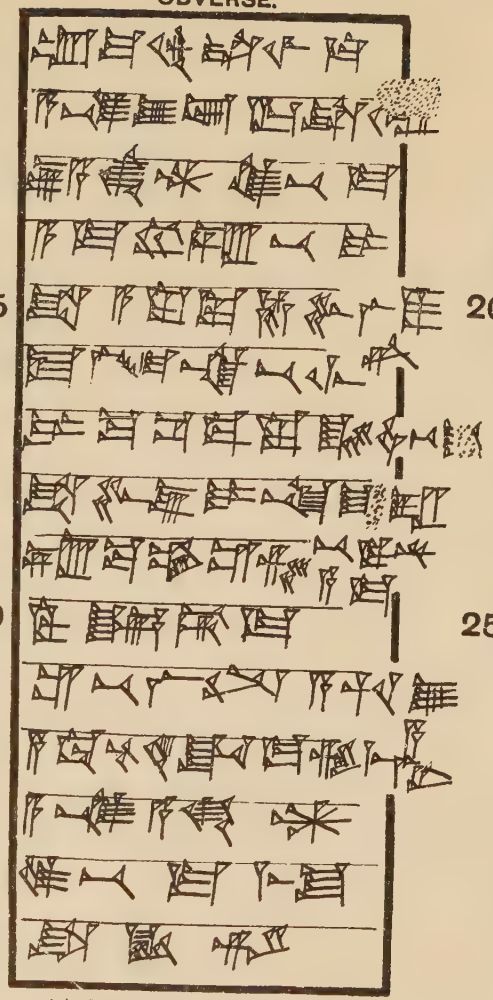

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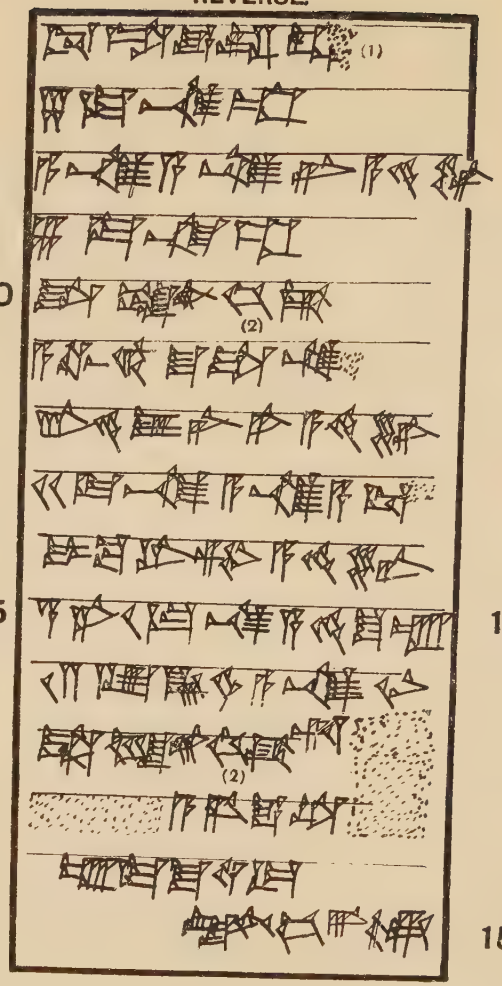

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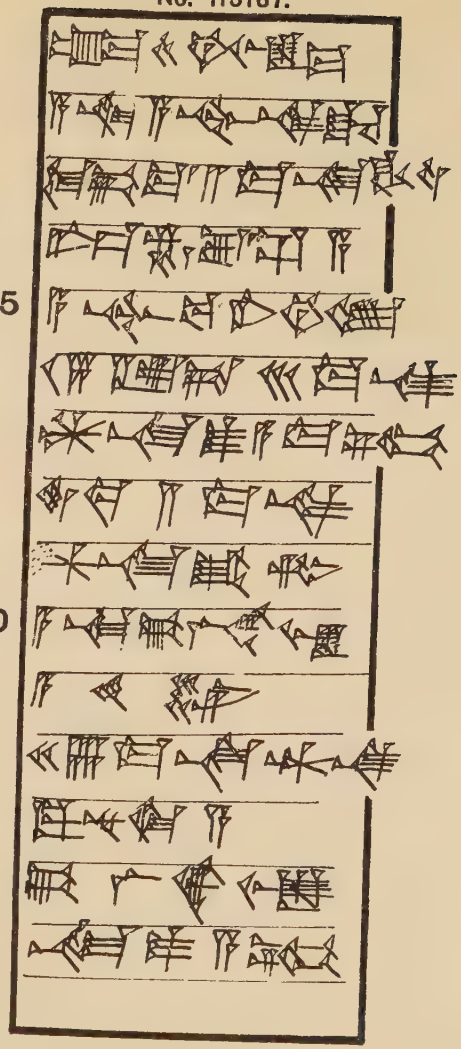

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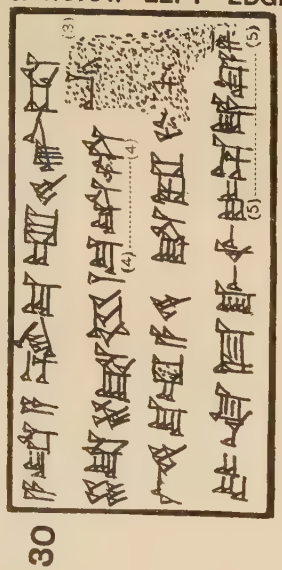

(1) Sign not deciphered. Error for *am* (?).
(2) Error for *ZUN*.
(3) *ga*.
(4) Signs not deciphered.
(5) *i-se-e-u-ni*.

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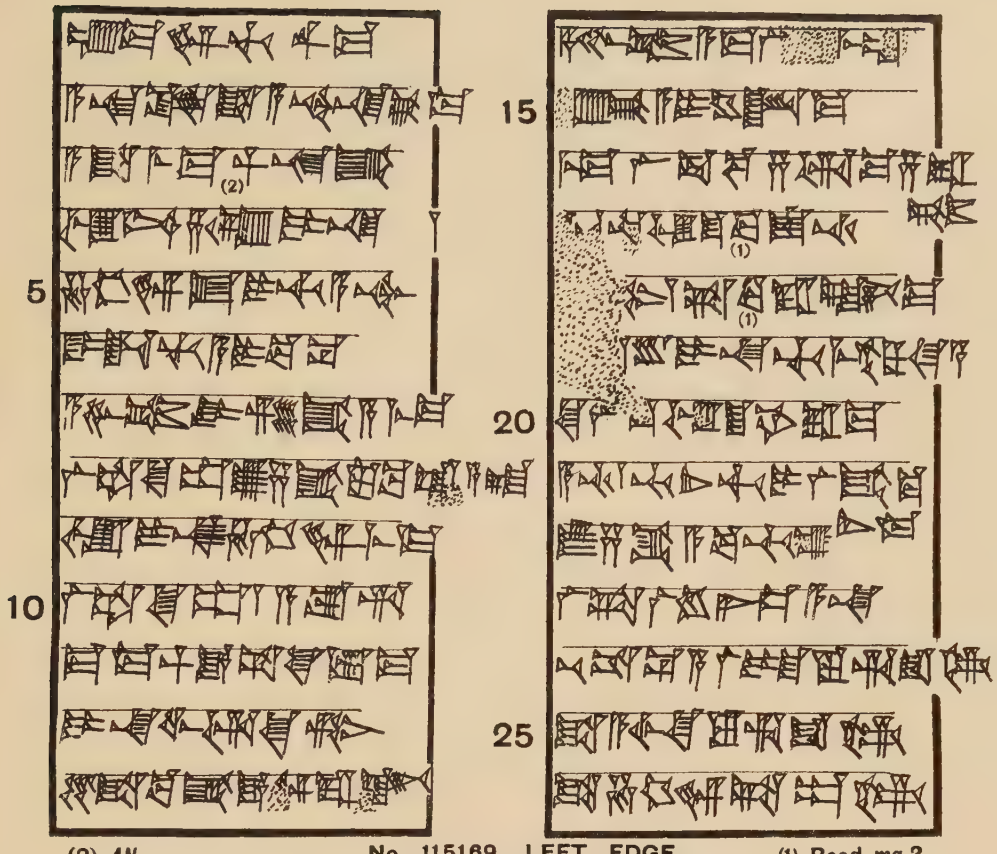
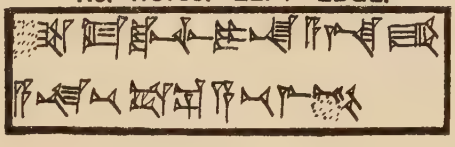
No. 115169.



(2) *AN*.

(1) Read *ma* ?

No. 115169. LEFT EDGE.



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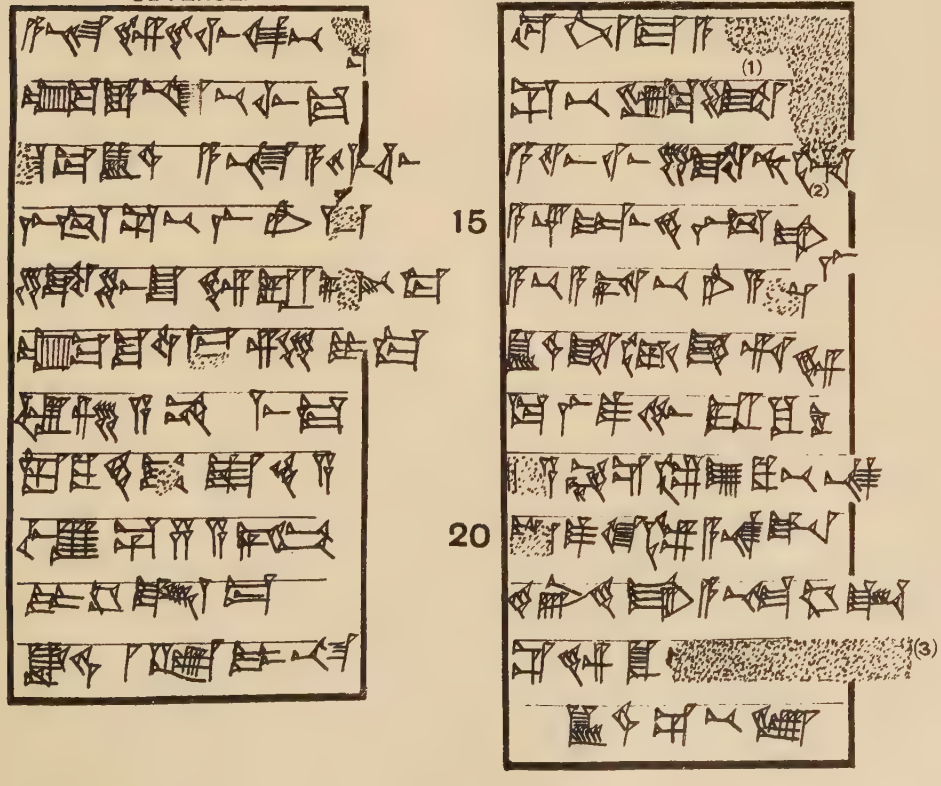

(1) Read with line above.
(2) Read *uh*.
(3) Erasure by scribe.

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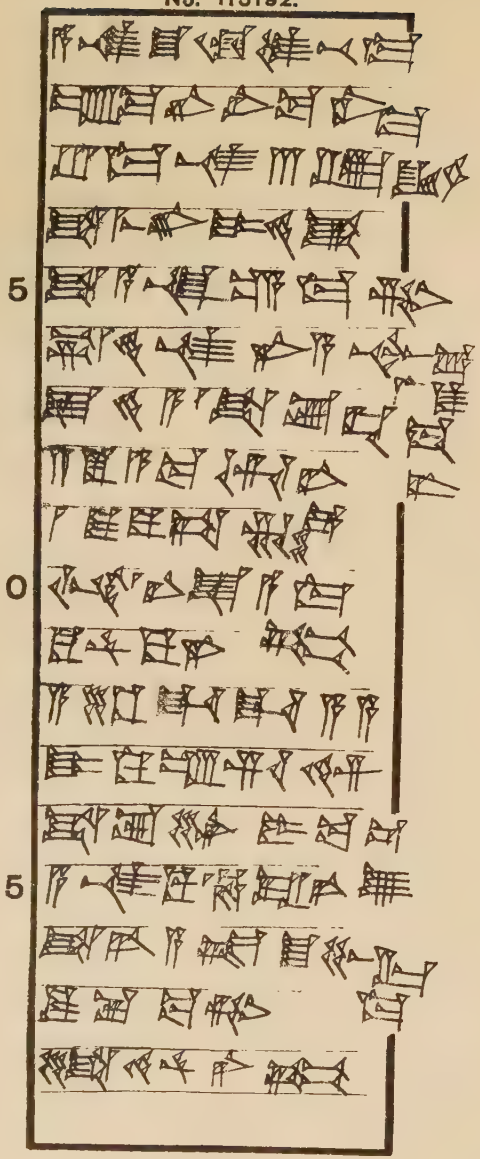

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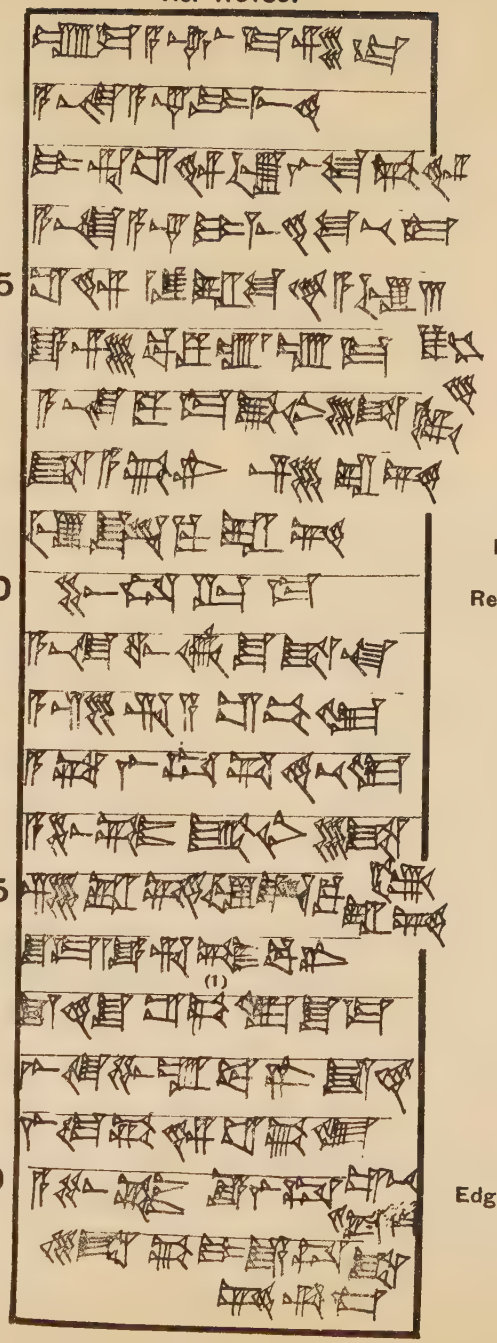

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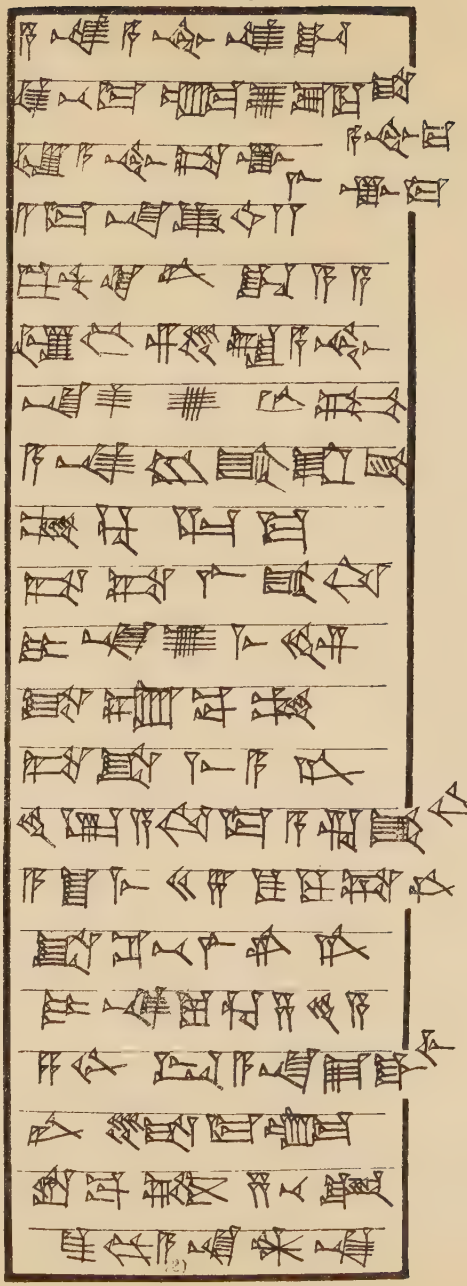

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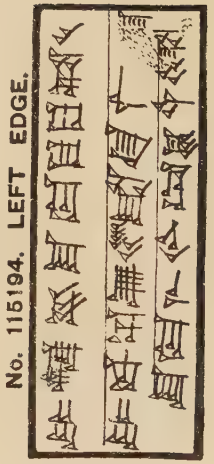

(1) Read *šum*.
(2) *a* omitted by error.
(3) *li-ki*.

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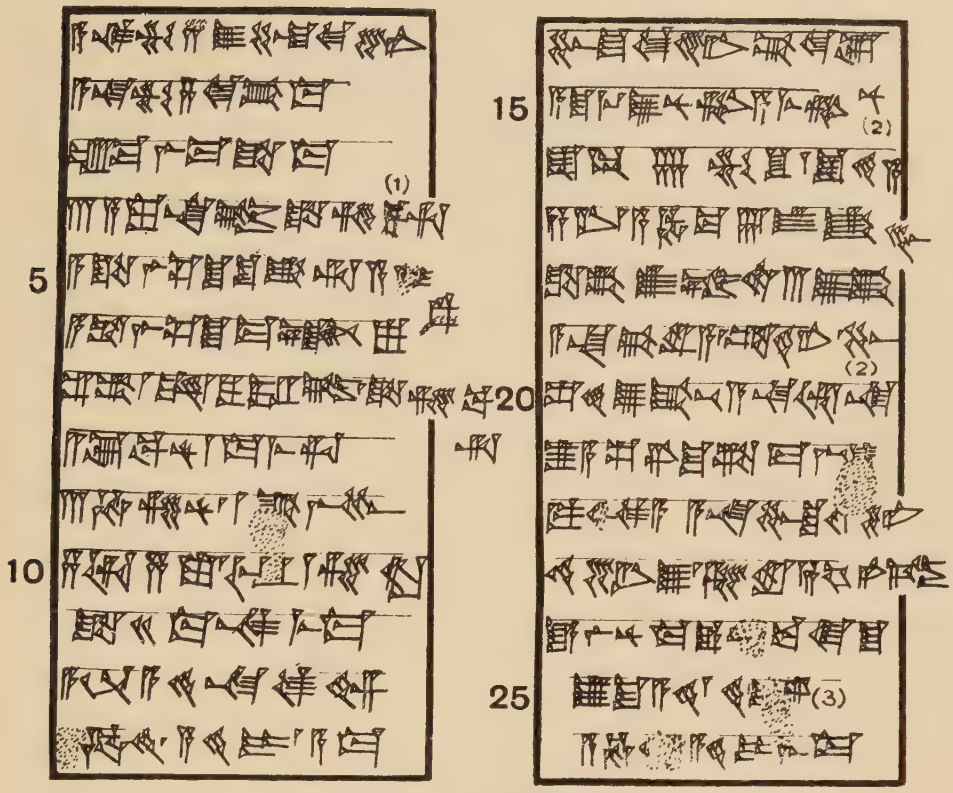

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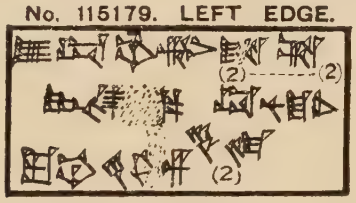

(1) Read *ba*. (2) To be read with line above. (3) Read *in*.

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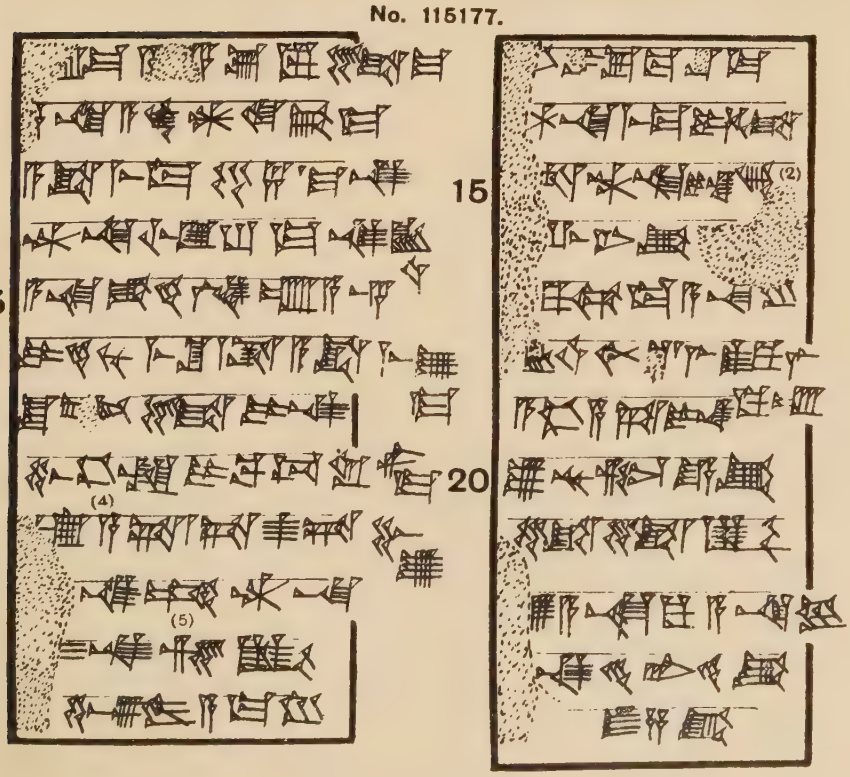

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(4) Two signs not deciphered. *See* Pl. 46, note 1.

(5) 2 *GUN*.

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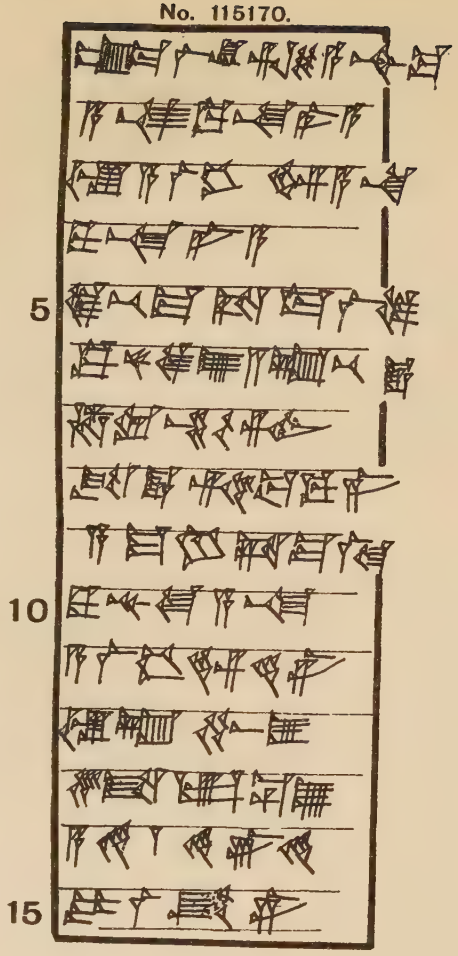

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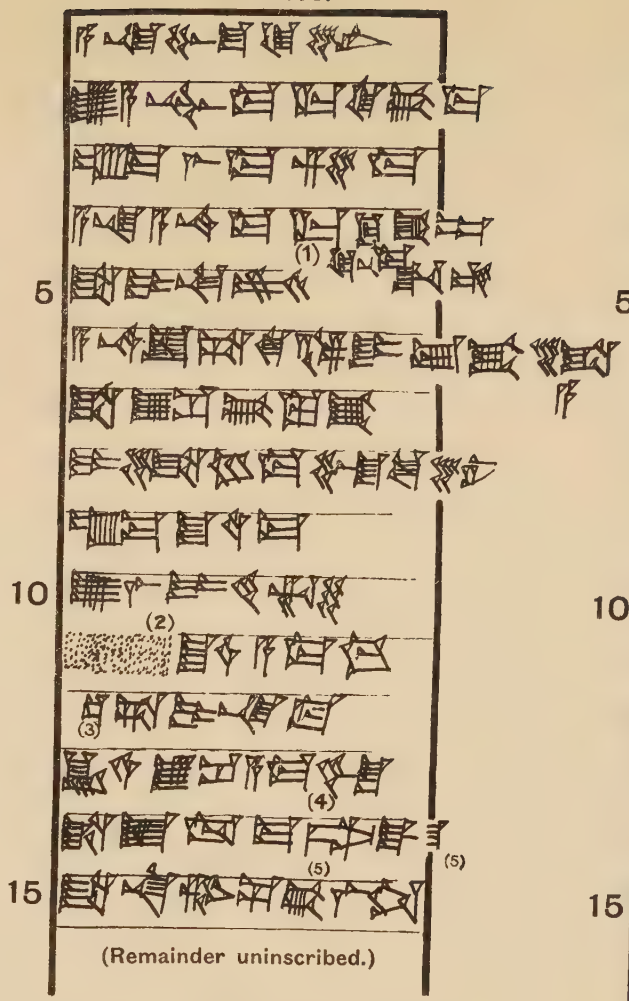

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(1) Read *a-na A-šur-ma-lik ki-be-ma TUG ga-ab-da-am.*
(2) Possibly nothing missing.
(3) *sic.* (4) *ti.*
(5) Read *ma-al*(?)-*u*(?)-*šu*(?).

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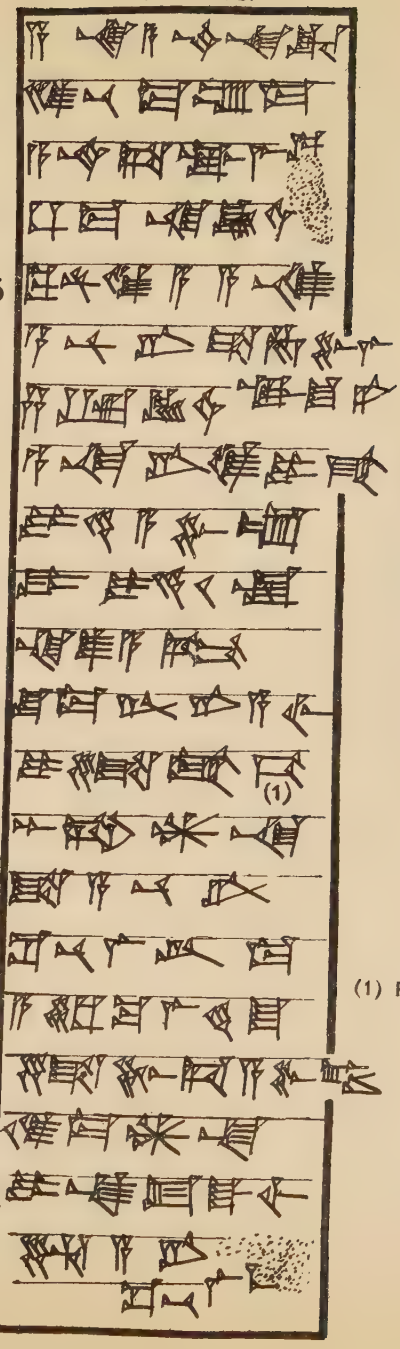

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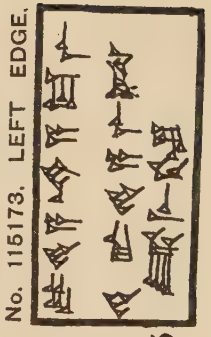

(1) Read *-am.*

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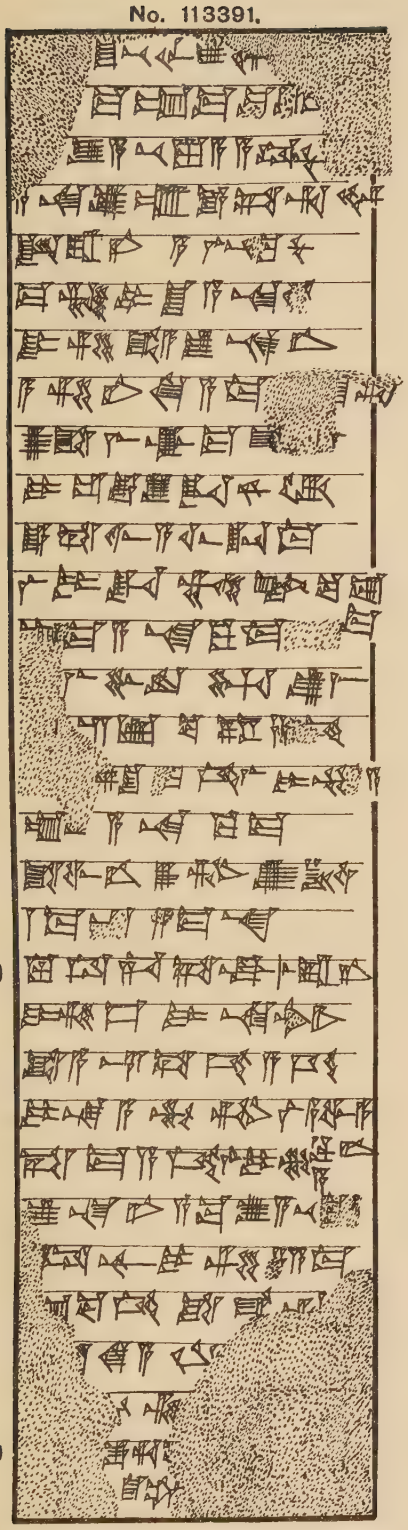

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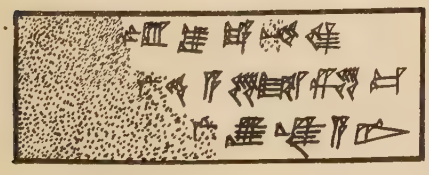

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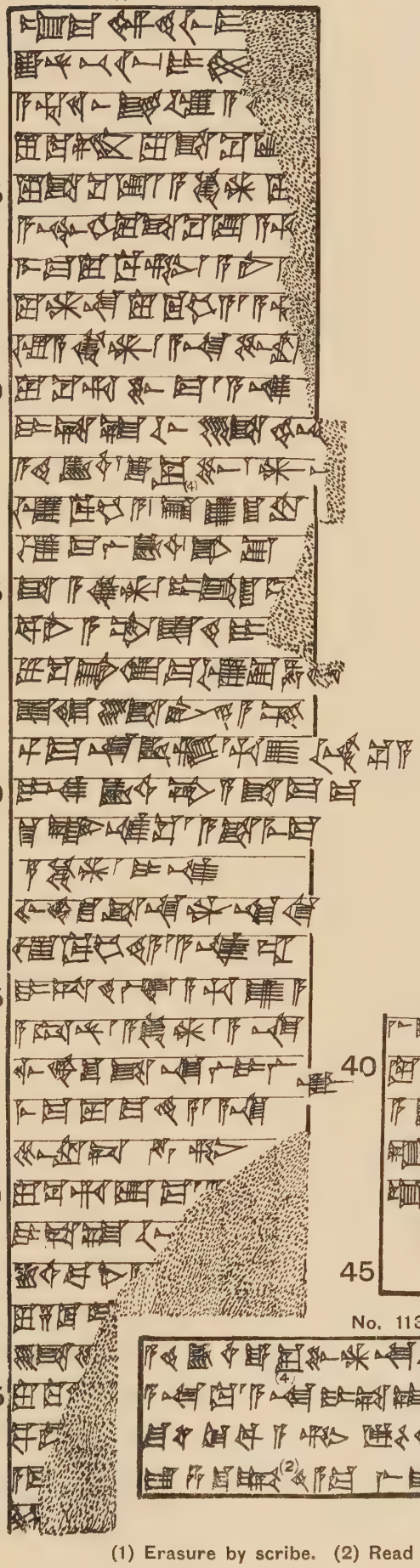

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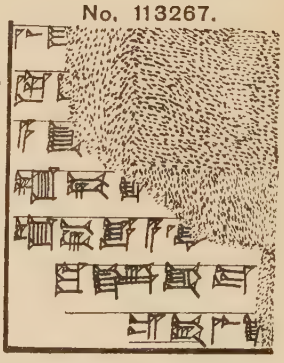

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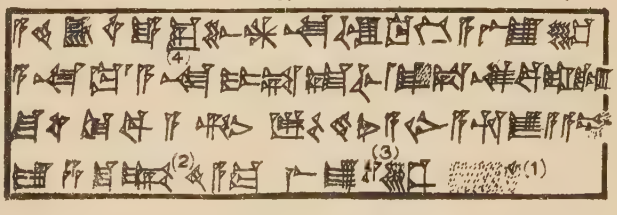

(1) Erasure by scribe. (2) Read *bi*. (3) Scribal error. (4) *ru*.

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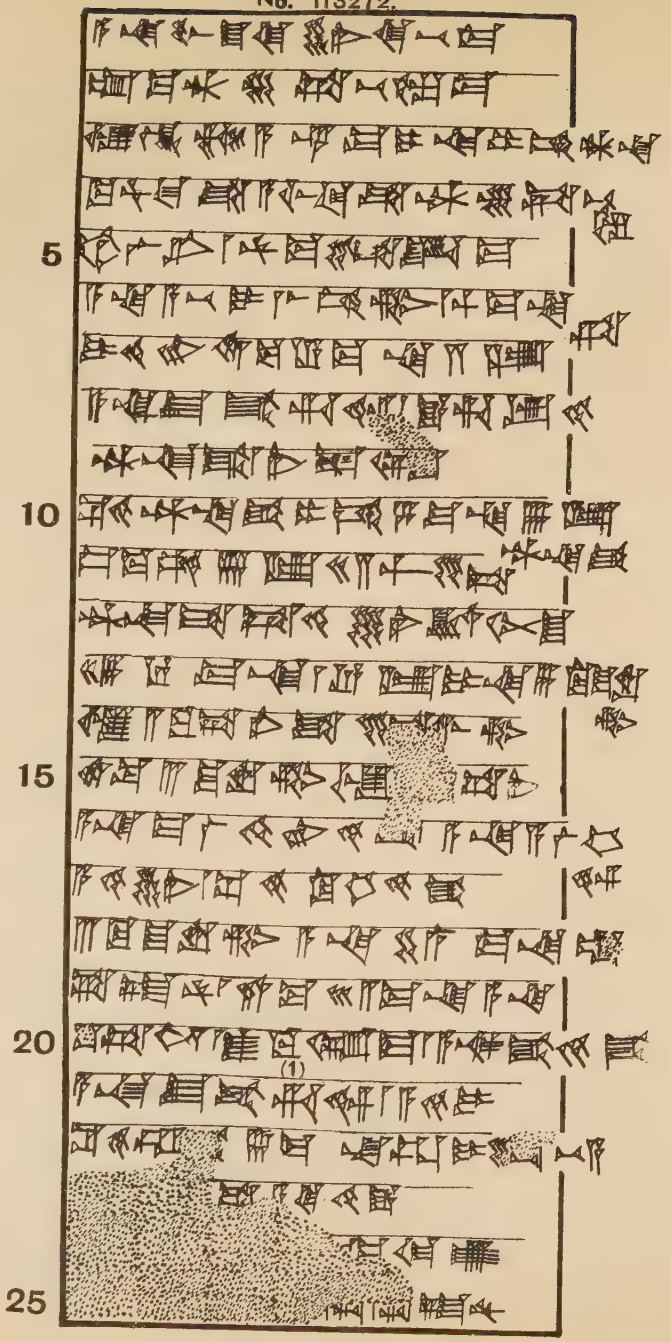

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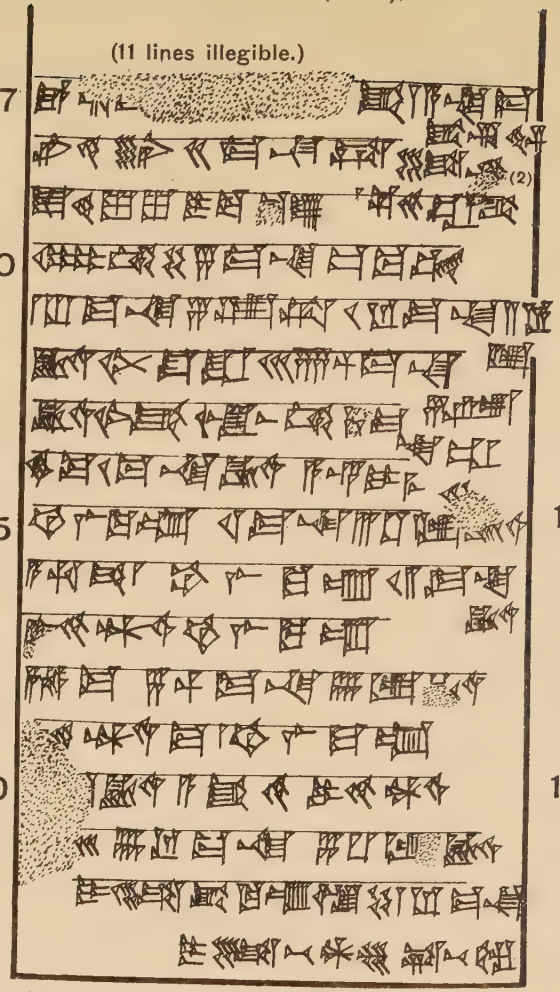

(1) *as-ku kul.* An example of the phonetic prefix. *See* Pt. III, pl. 30, l. 28, *li-iš-ku kul.*

(2) *ti* (?).

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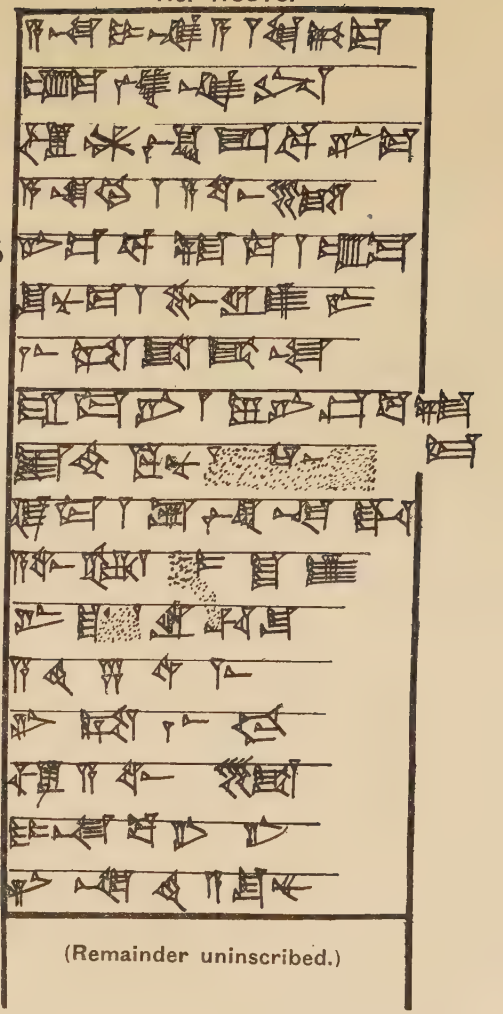

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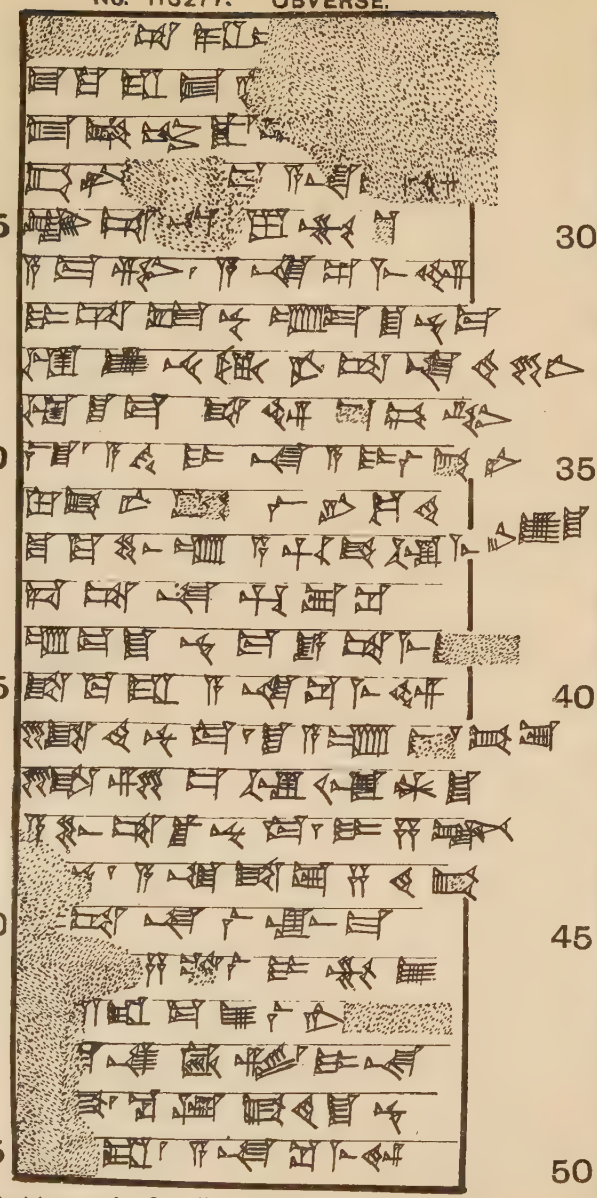

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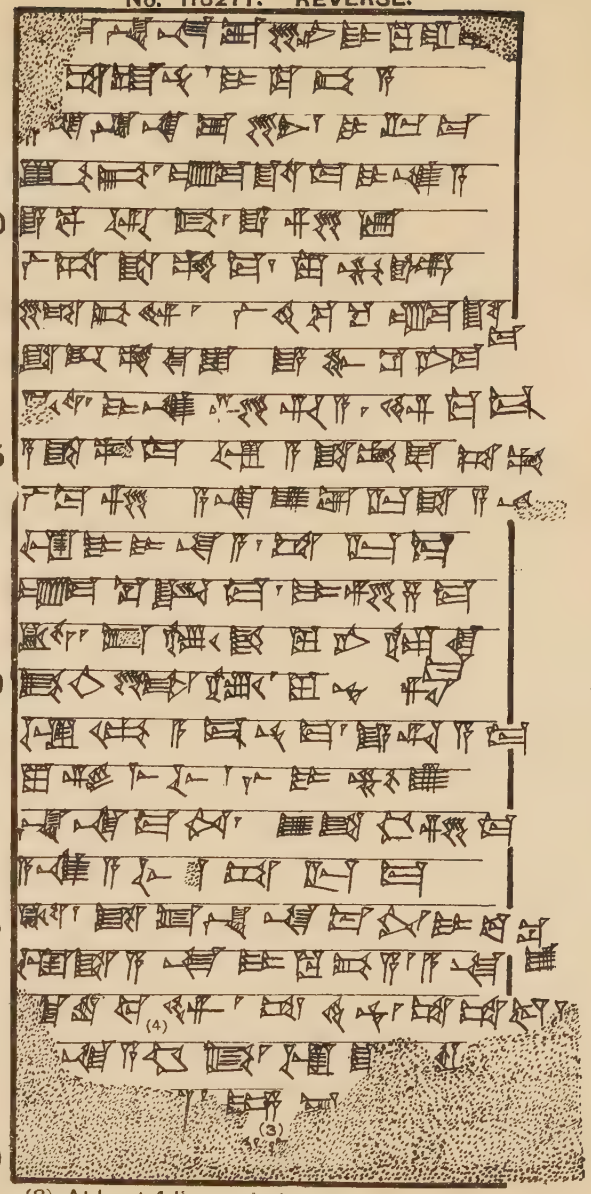

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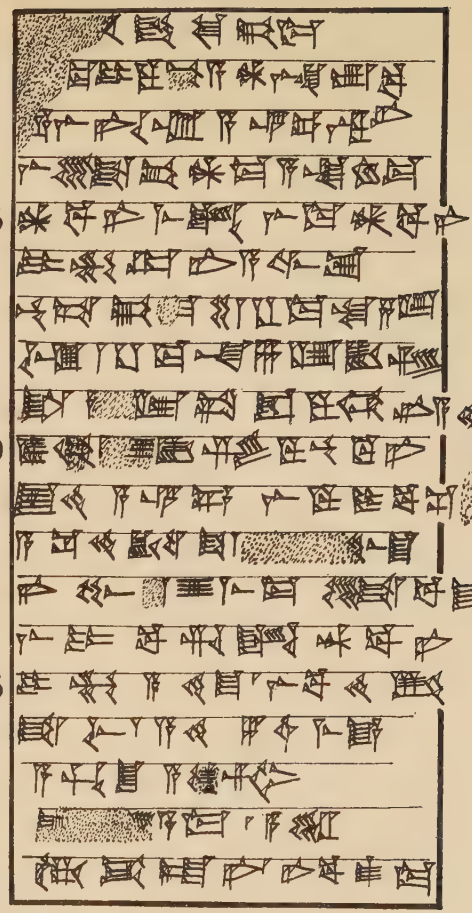

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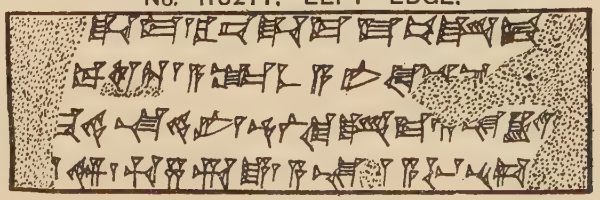

(1) This is probably not the first line of the document, which is not necessarily a "letter." (2) *am*, scratched.

(3) At least 4 lines missing.

(4) *ki*.

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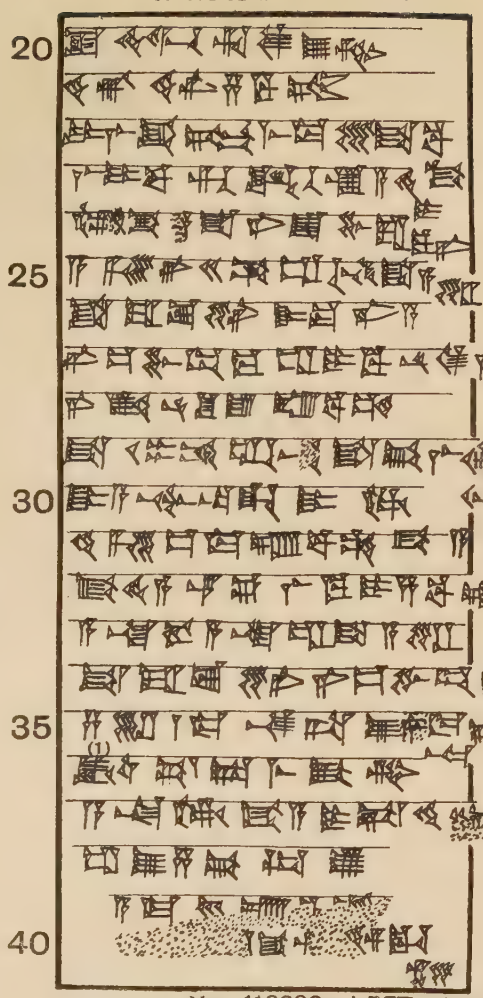

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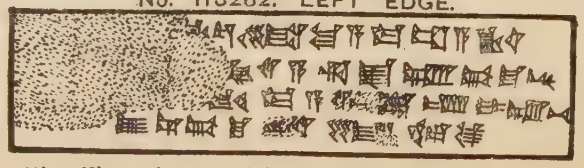

(1) *a* (?)-*sar* 1 *ma-na TA u* 2 (?) *ma-na TA.*

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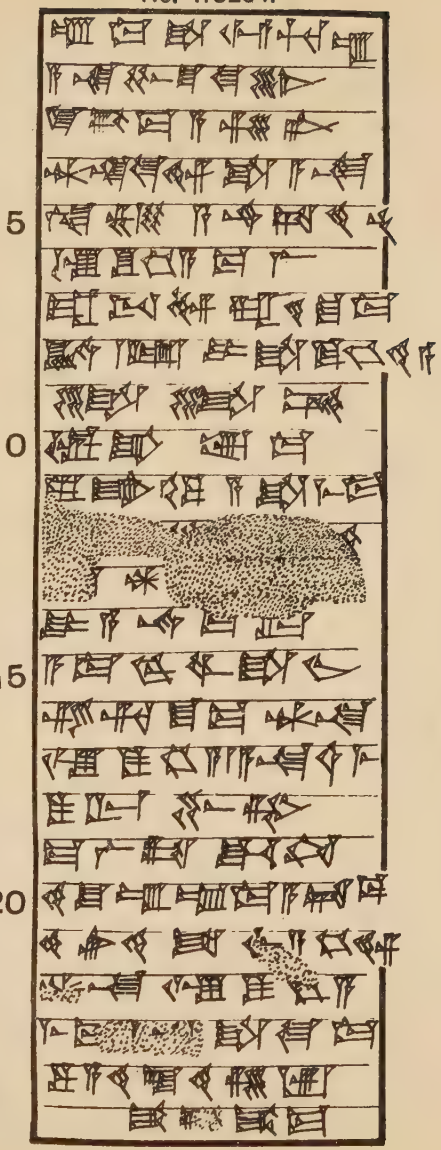

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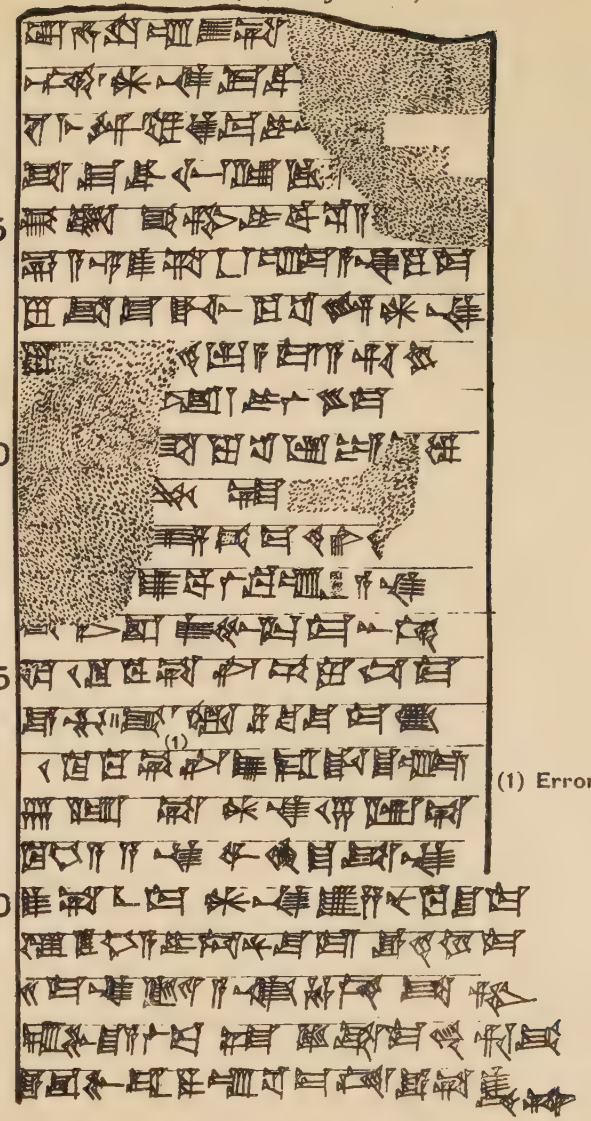

(1) Error for *ta*.

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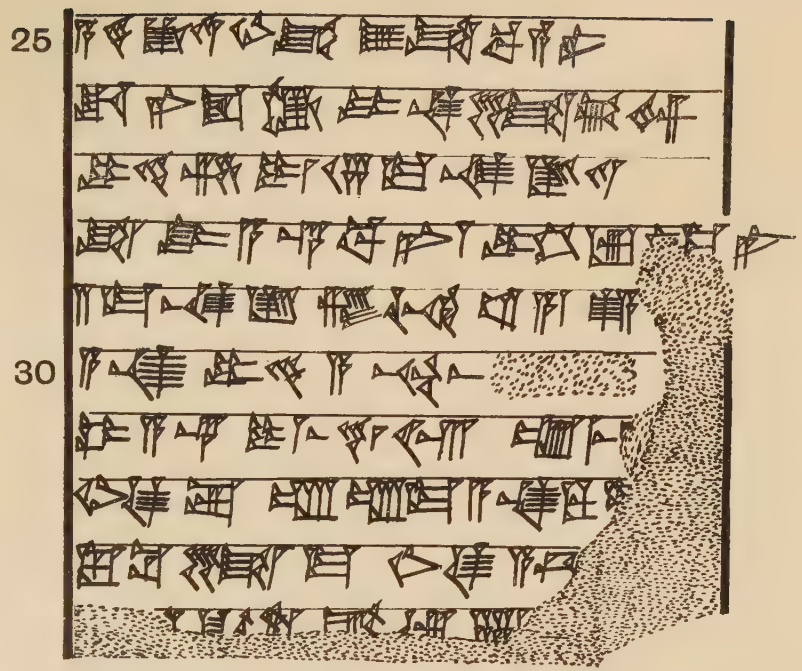

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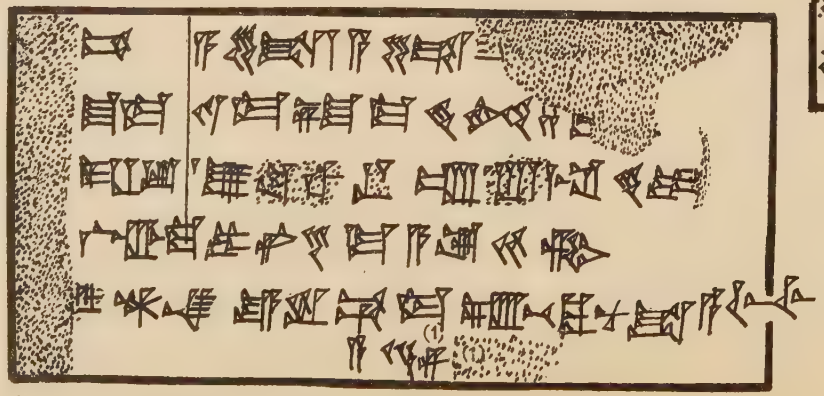

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(1) Reading not certain.

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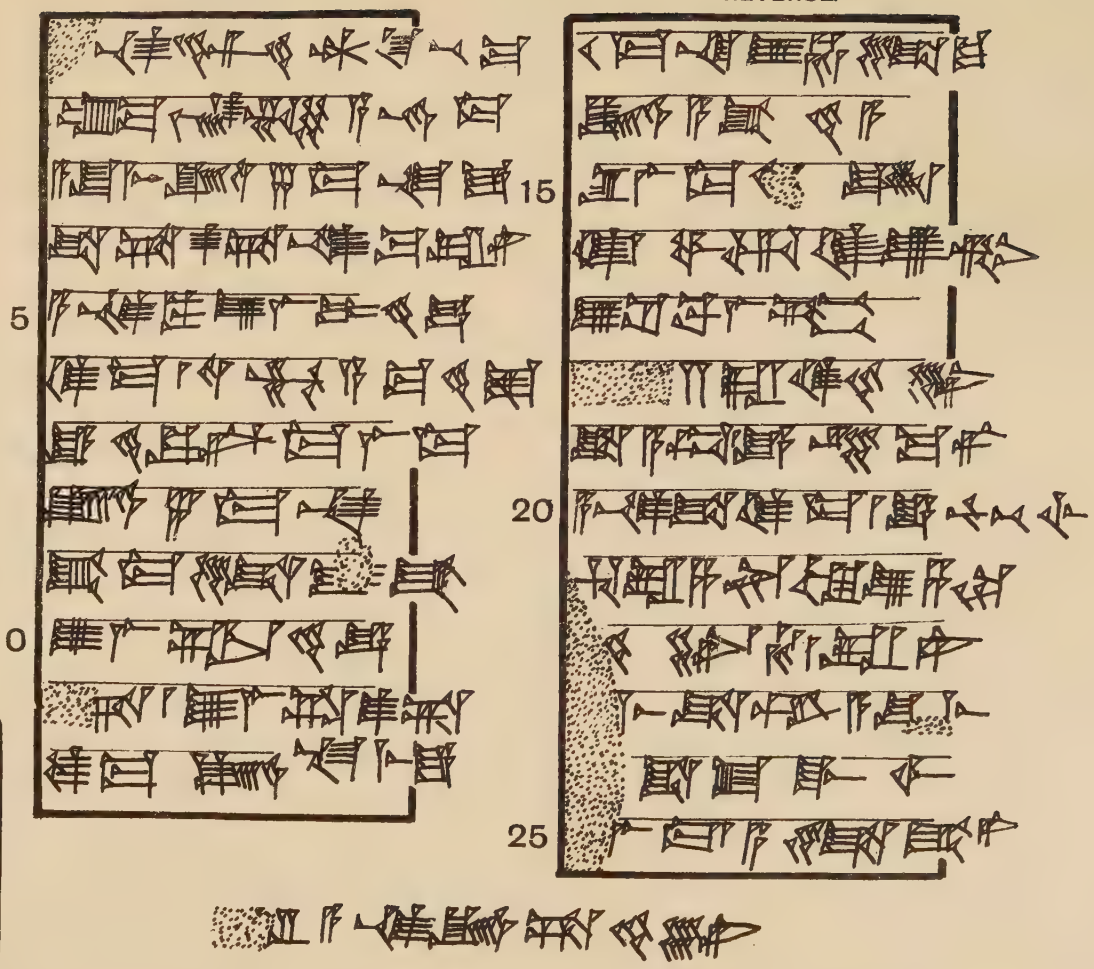

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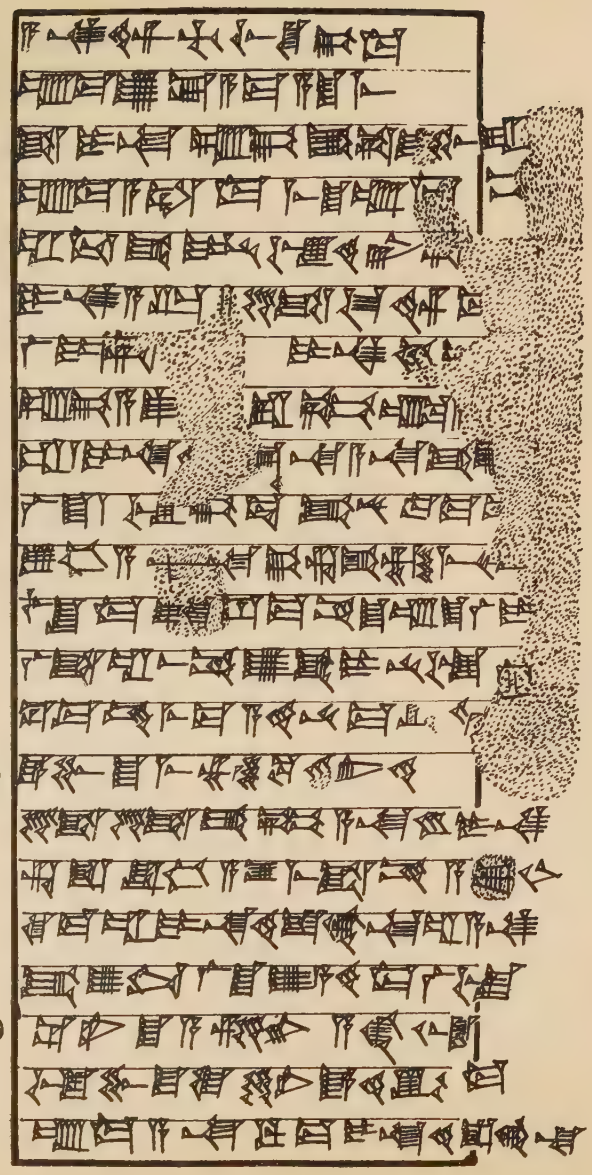

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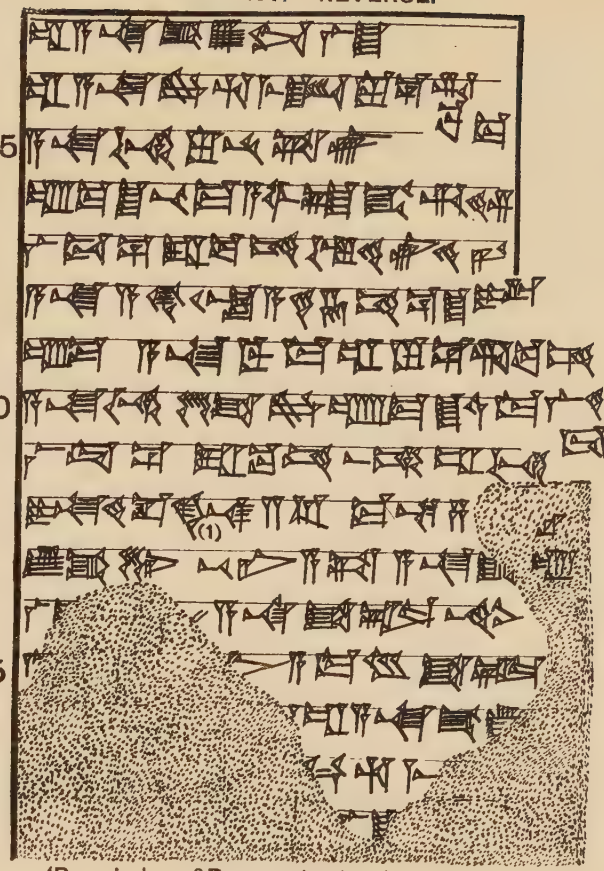

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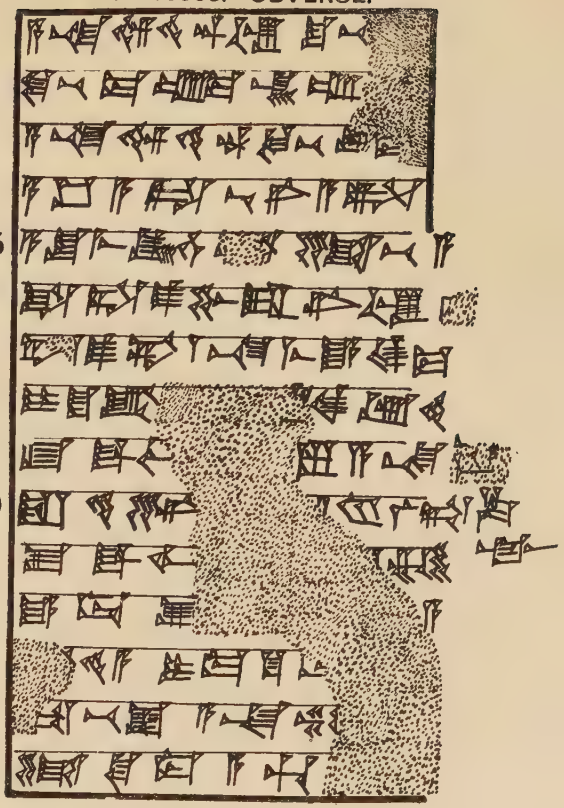

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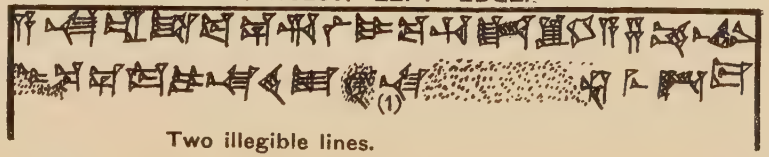

Two illegible lines.

(1) So, for *ih*?

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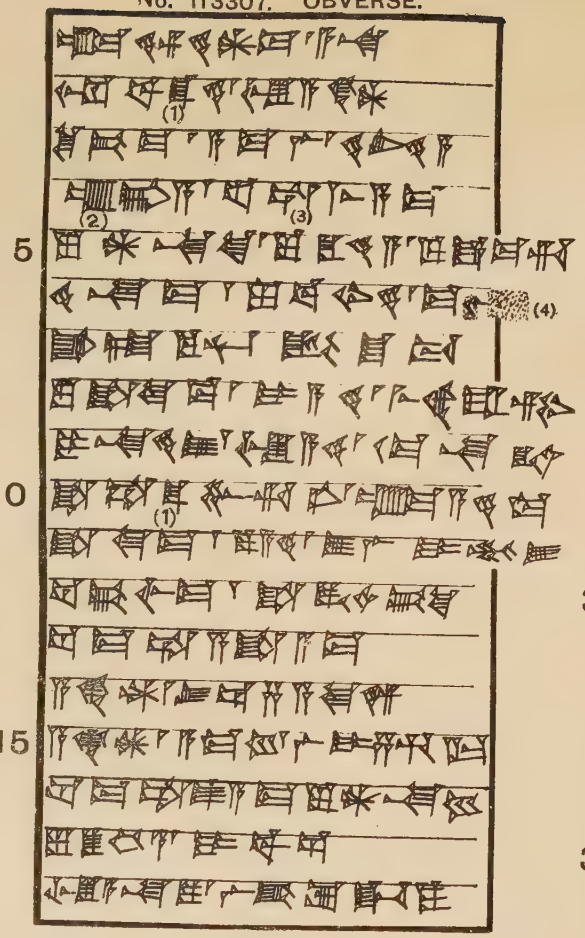
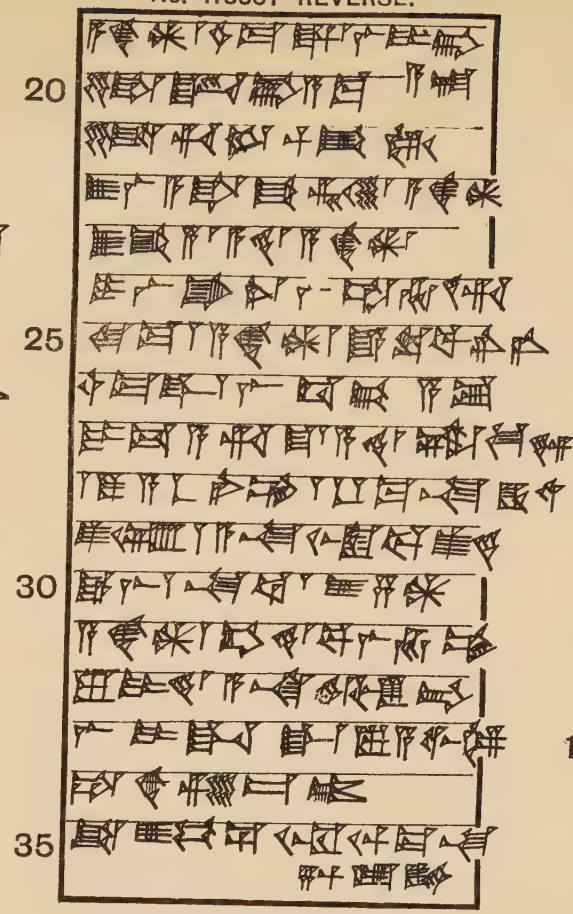
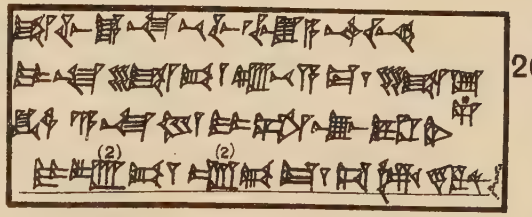


(1) *aš.*
(2) i.e. *dub.*
(3) *ta.*
(4) *la* (?).

No. 113307 REVERSE.





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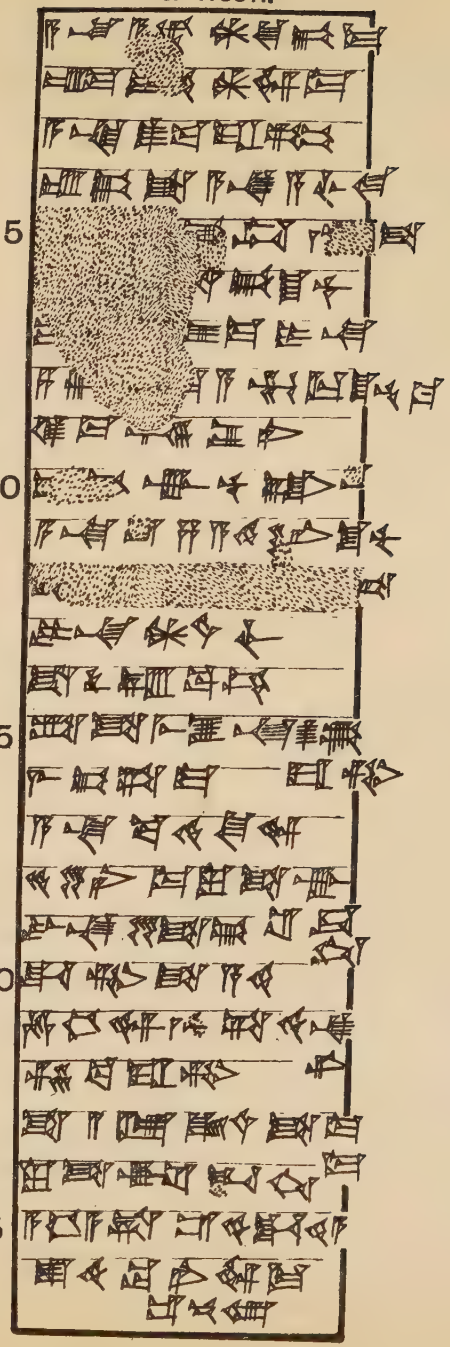

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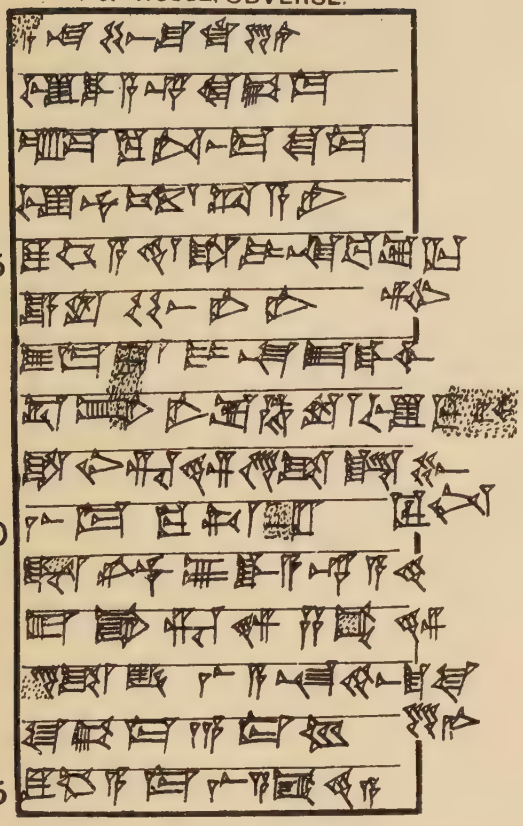

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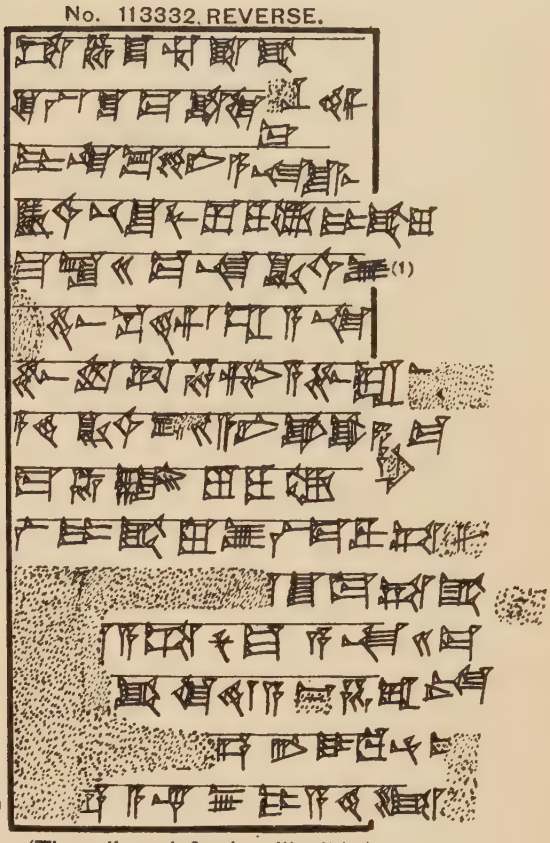

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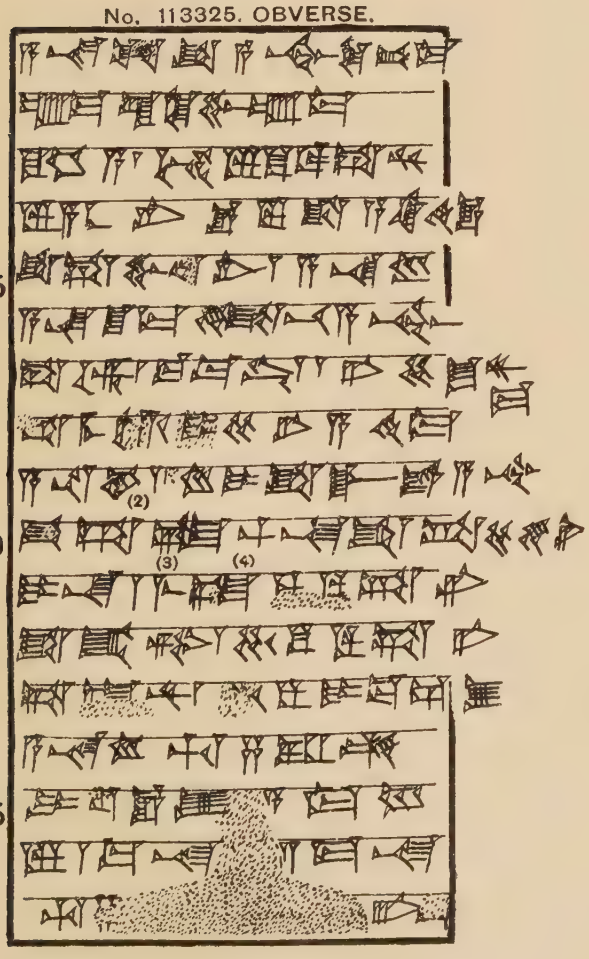

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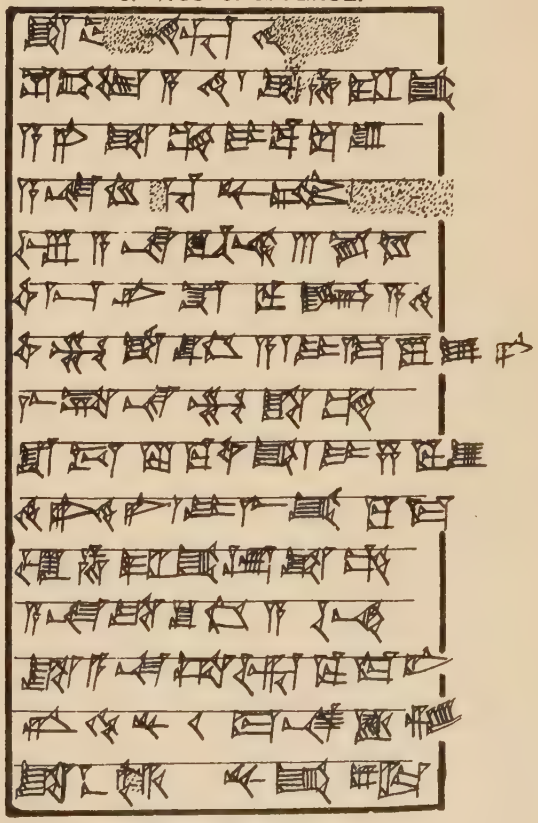

(1) To be read with line above.
(2) *ITU.* (3) *at.* (4) *AN.*

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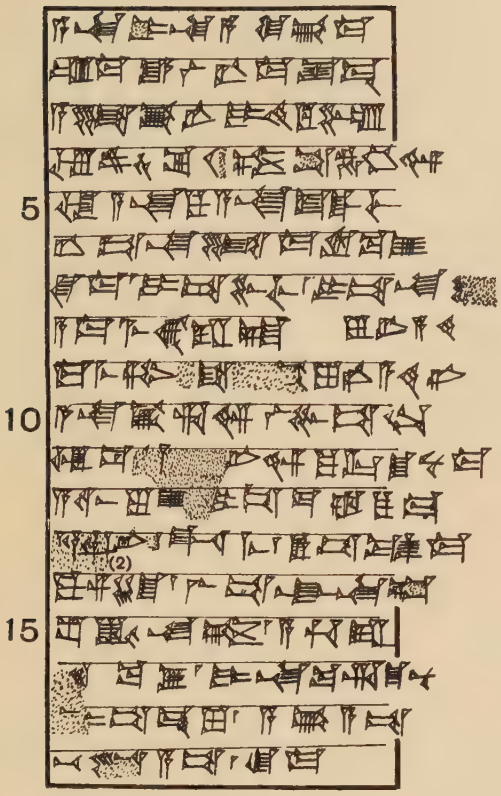

(1) Read *nu*.
(2) *LUGAL* (?).

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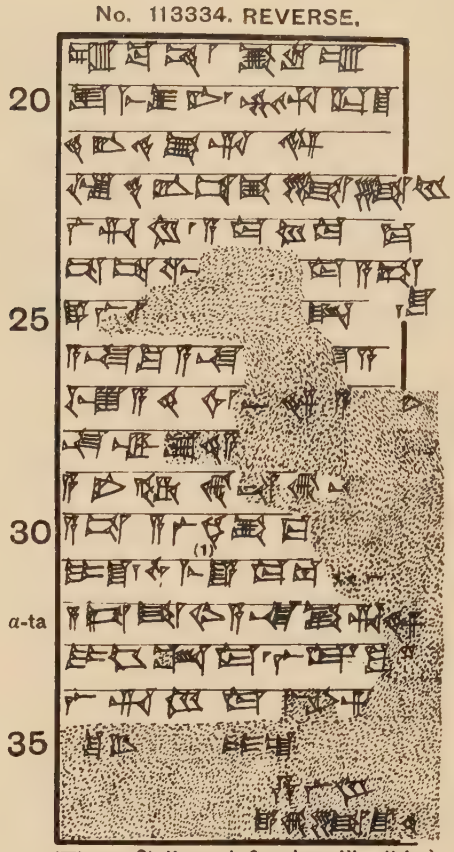

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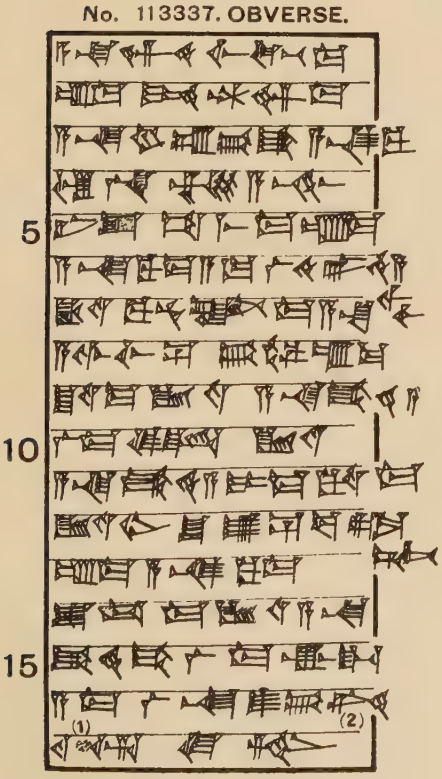

(1) Read *wa-ar-*. (2) So for *ir*.
(3) *la* omitted by scribe.

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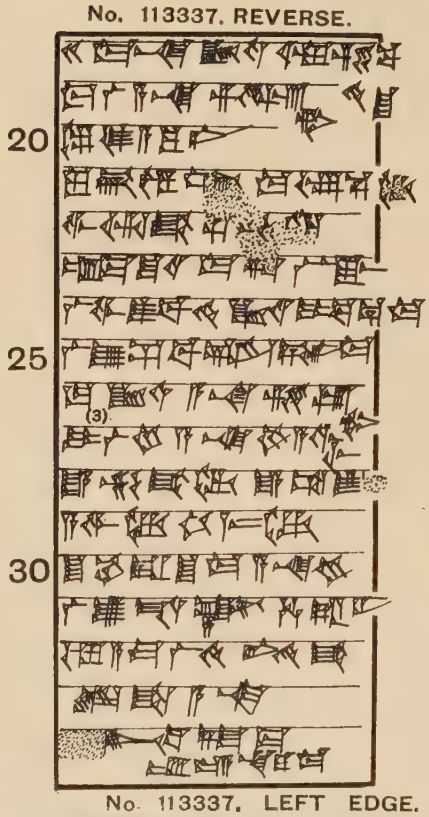

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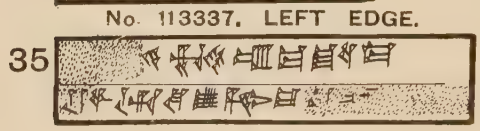

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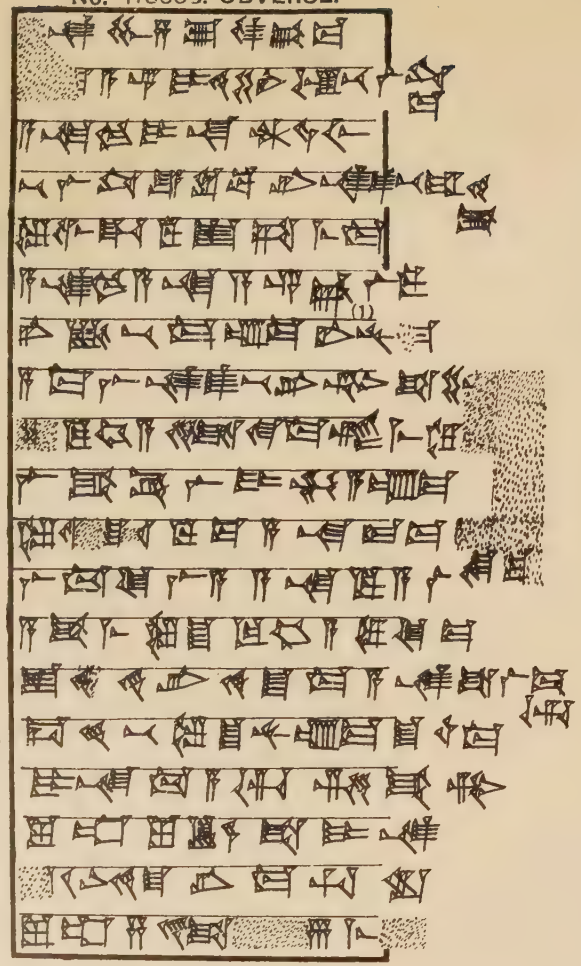

(1) *tak.*

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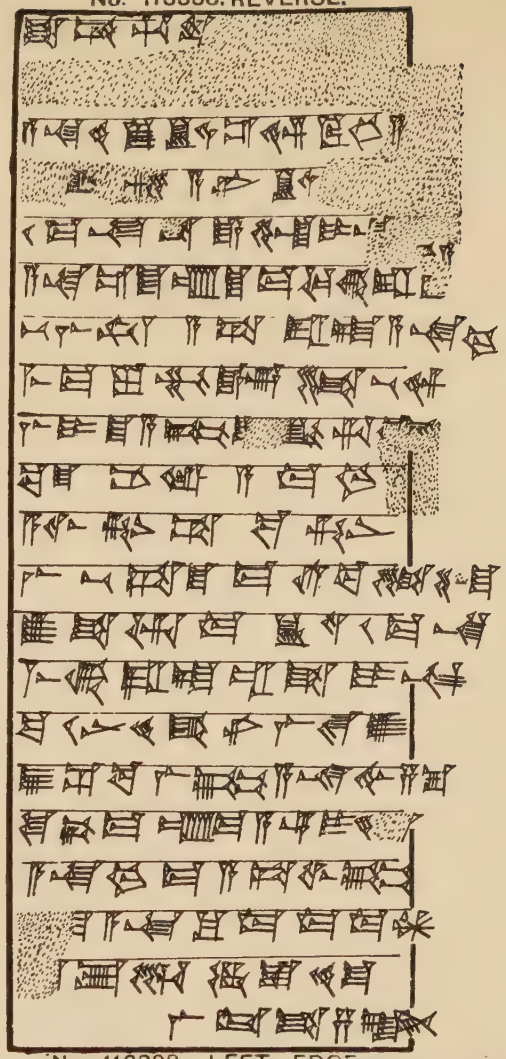

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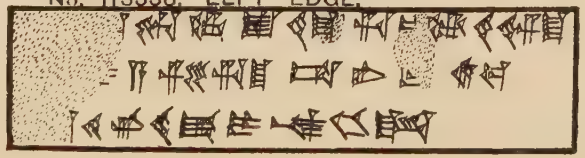

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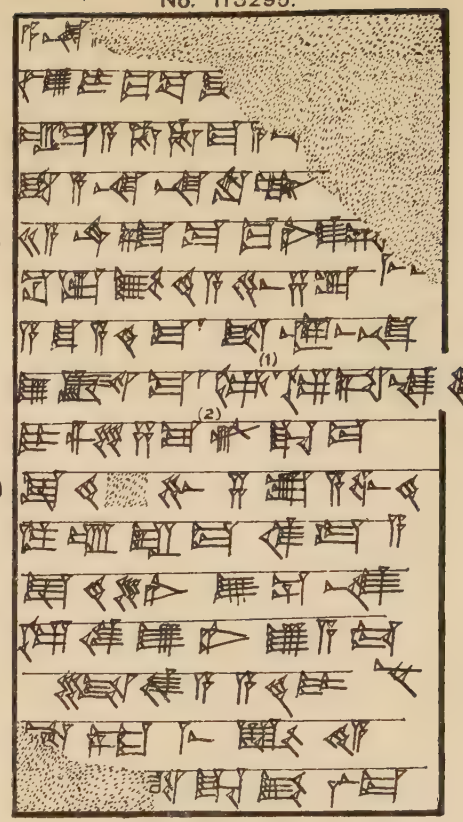
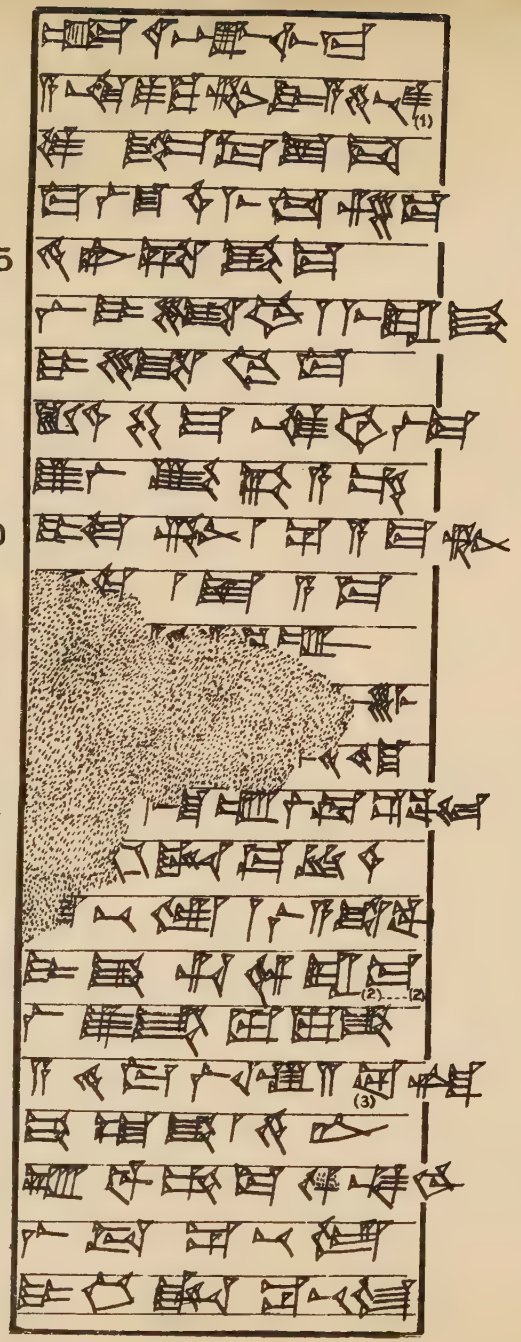


(Reverse illegible.)

(1) The scribe has omitted *k[q]ar.*
(2) Error for *ma.*

No. 113342.



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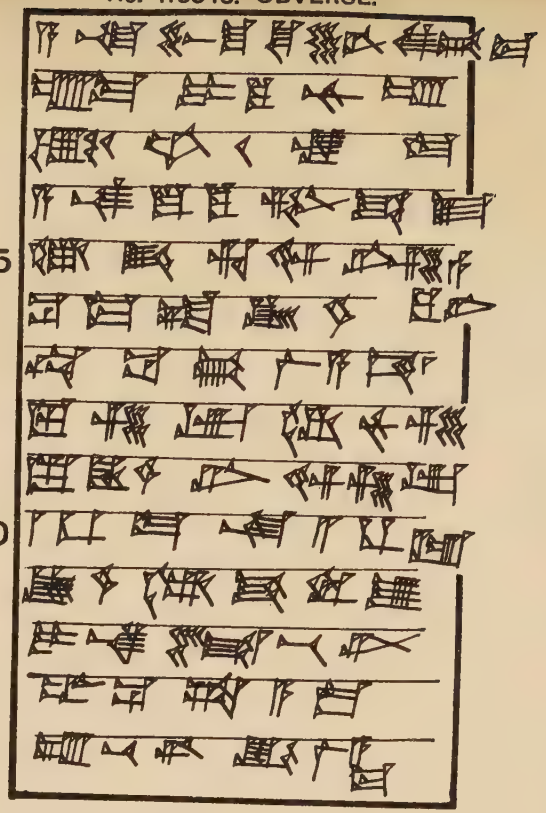

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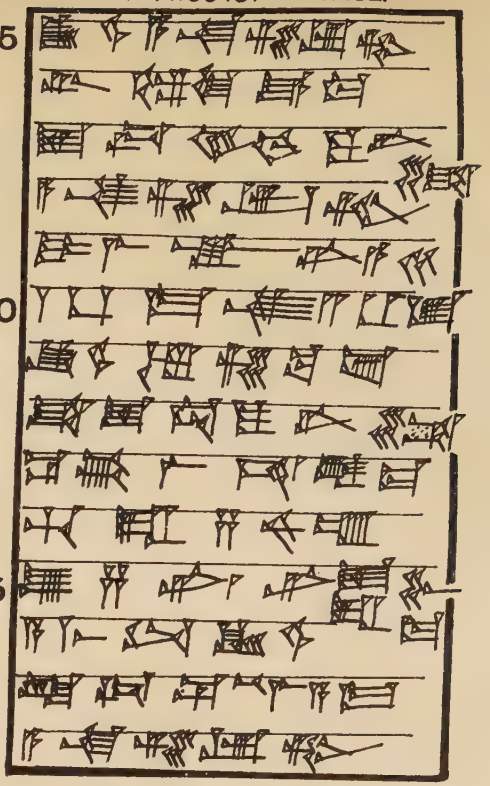

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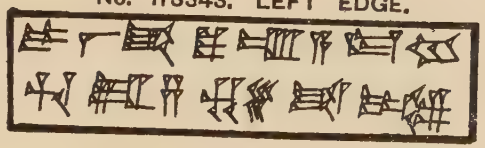

(1) Read *DI* = *šalim*.
(2) To be read with line above.
(3) Read *si*.

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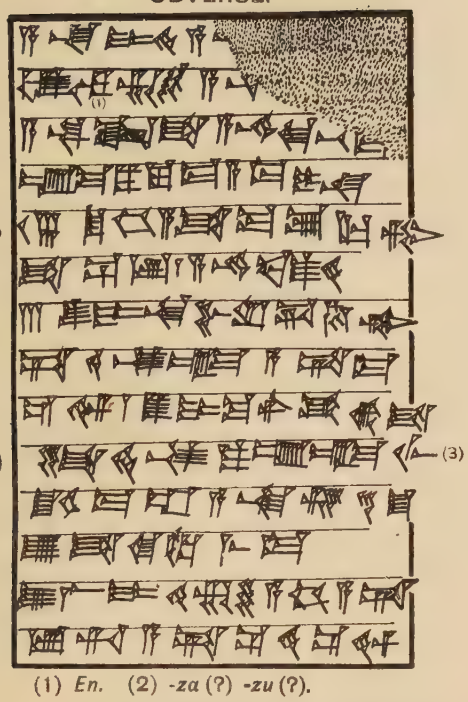
No. 113349.

OBVERSE.

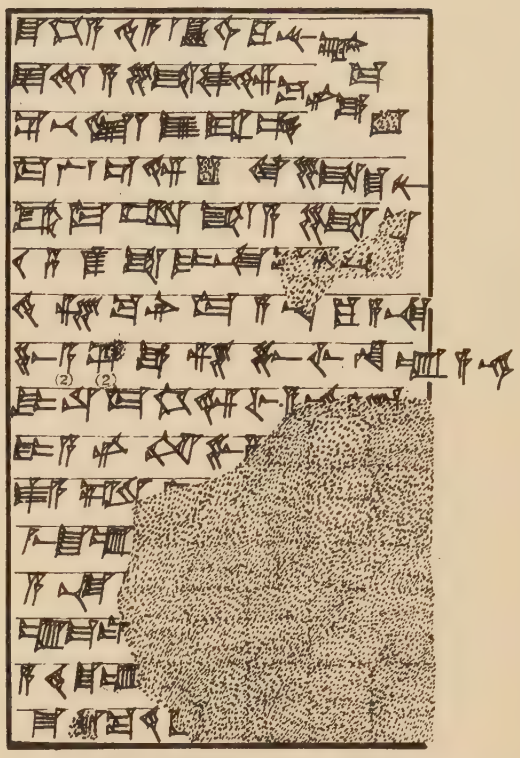


(1) *En.* (2) *-za* (?) *-zu* (?).

No. 113350. LEFT EDGE.

(3) To be read with line above.
(4) *nu-si-ba-lam.* Dittography in copy.

REVERSE.



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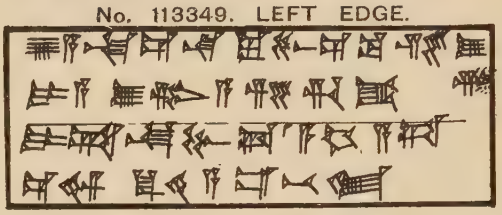

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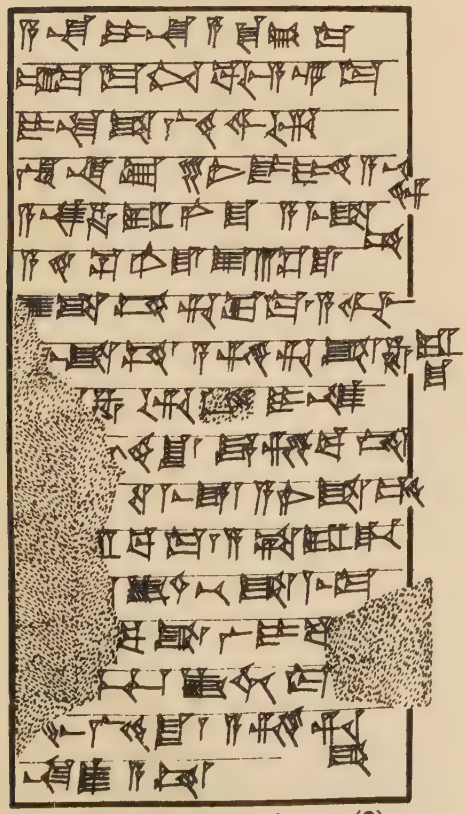
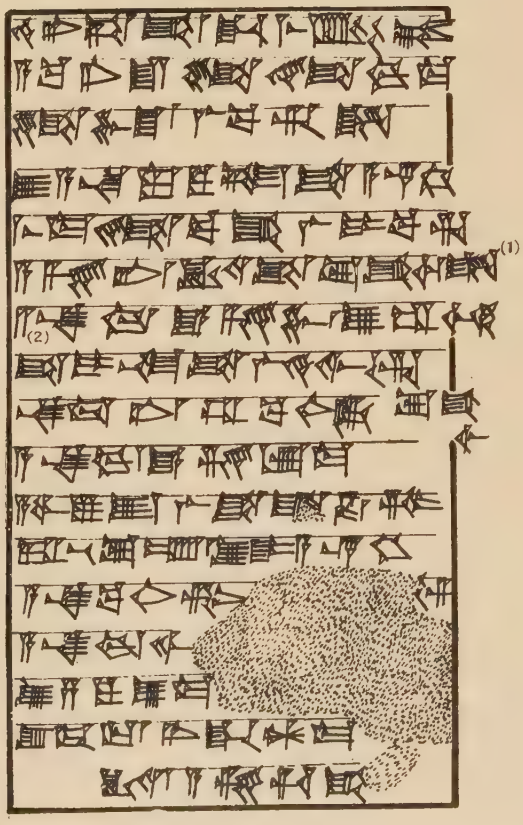


(1) To be read with line above. (2) *a.*

REVERSE.



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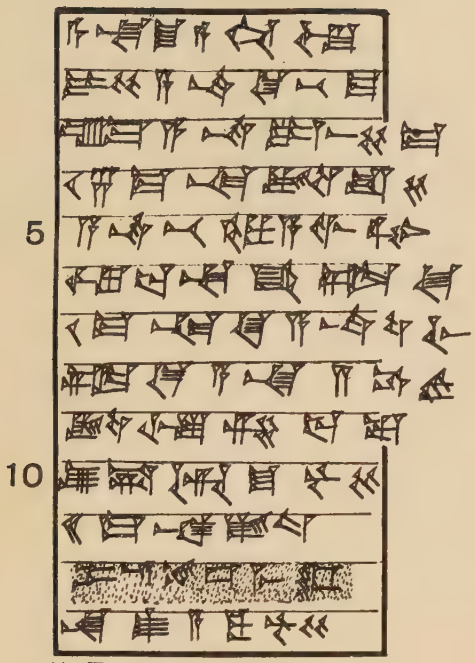
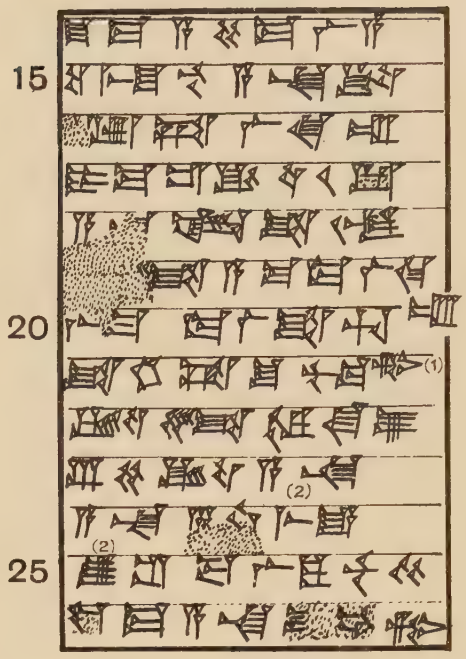
No. 113351.

OBVERSE.



(1) To be read with line above.
(2) *ana* repeated erroneously.

REVERSE.



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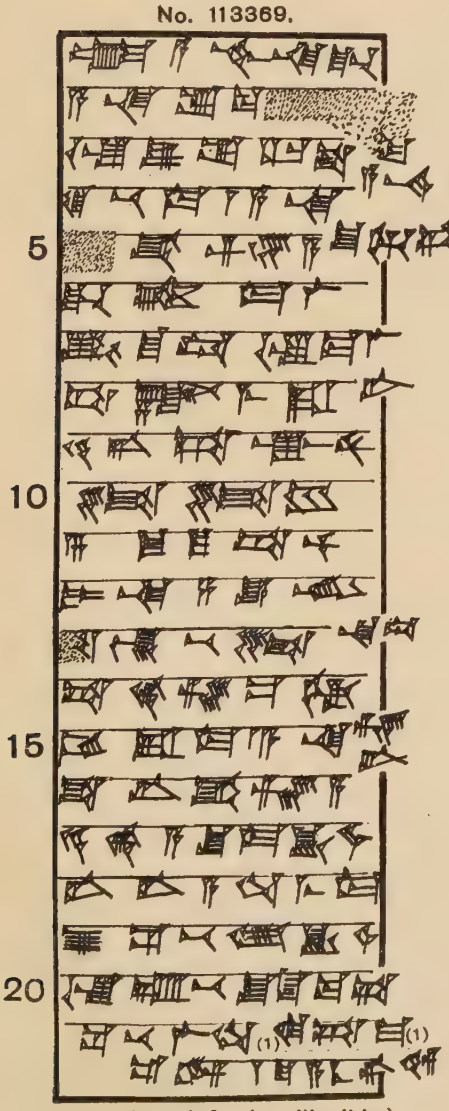

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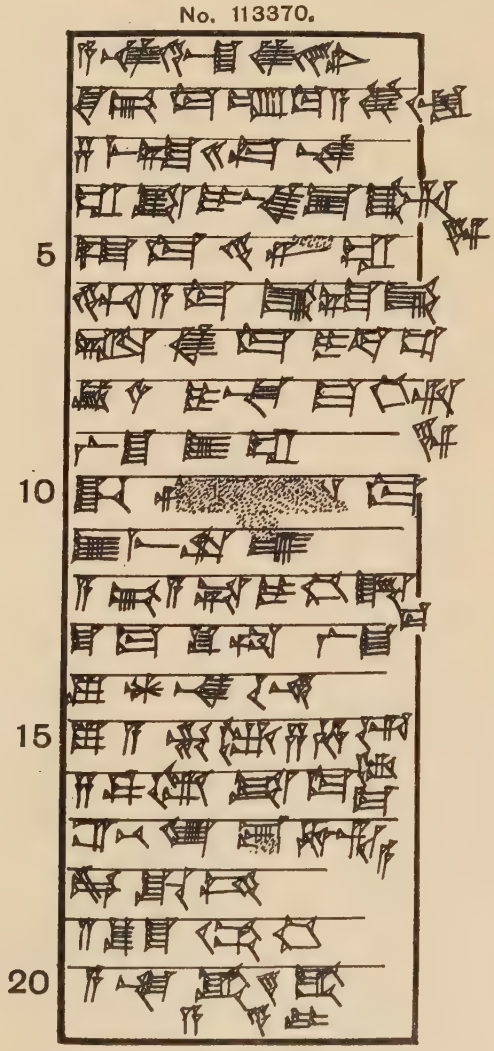
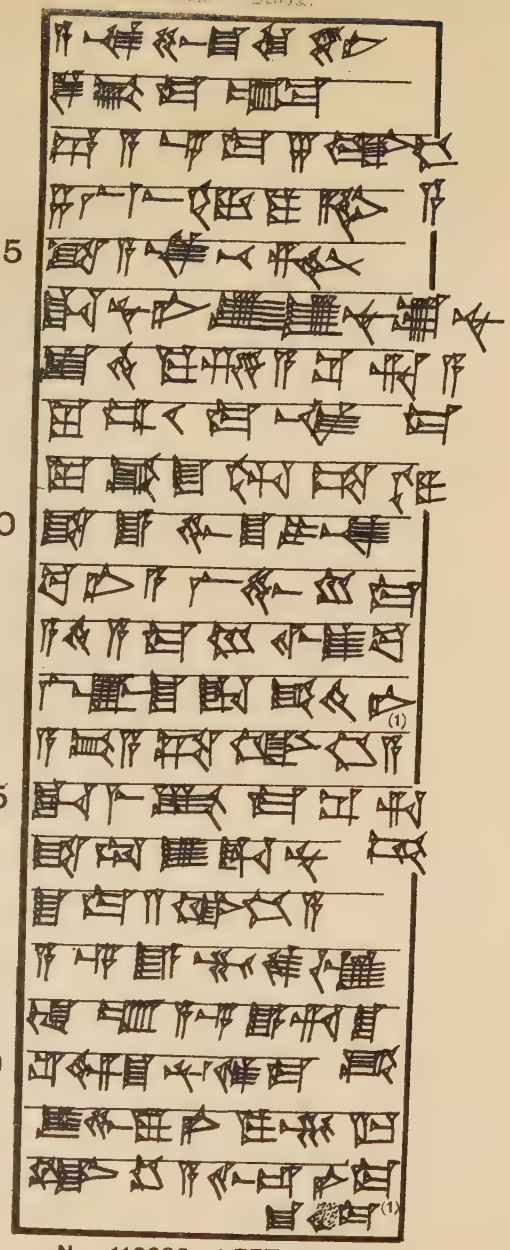
No. 113370.





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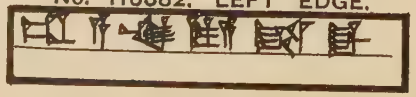

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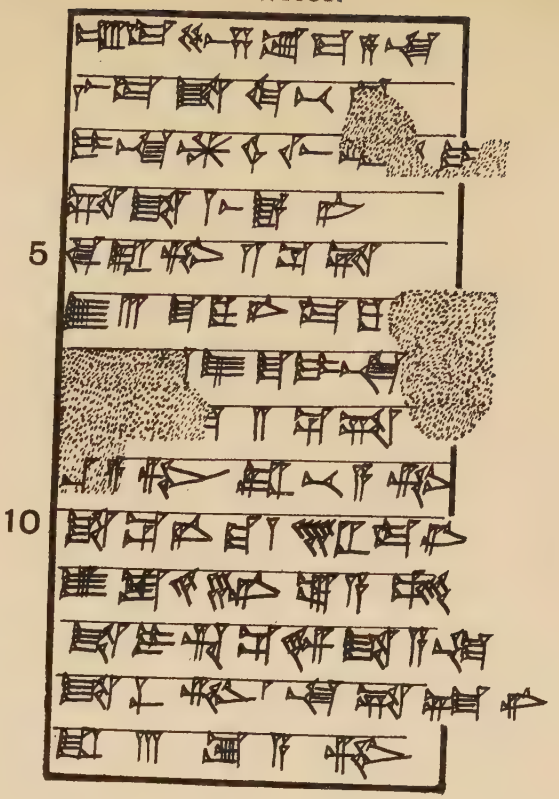

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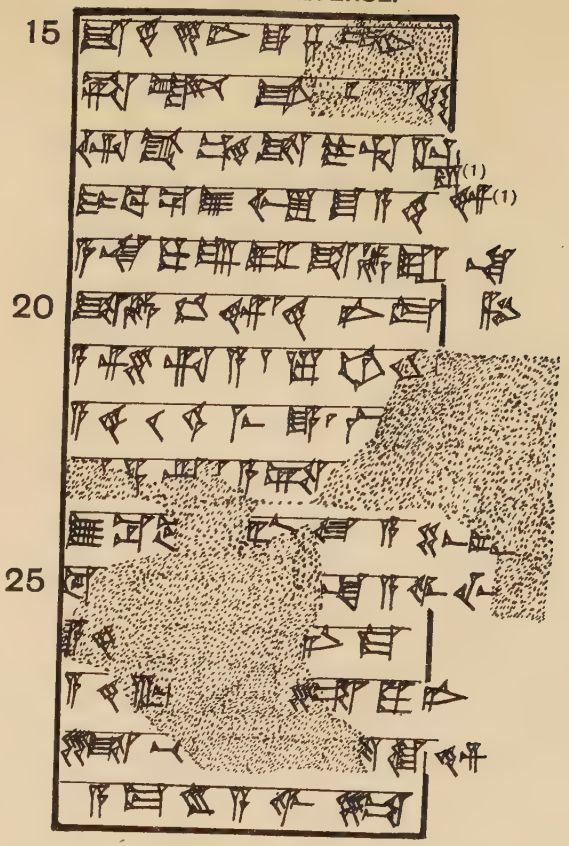

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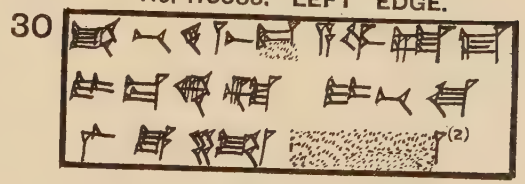

(1) To be read with line above.
(2) This sign probably belongs to previous line. Read *a-wa-at biti i ma-ah-ri-ša i-be ki-ma*(?) *la e-li.*

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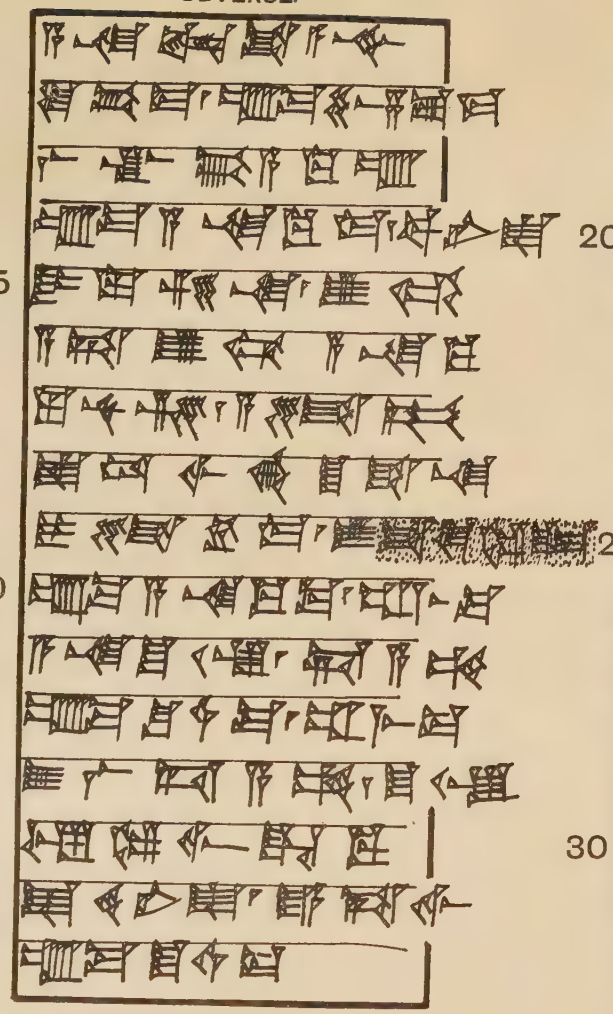
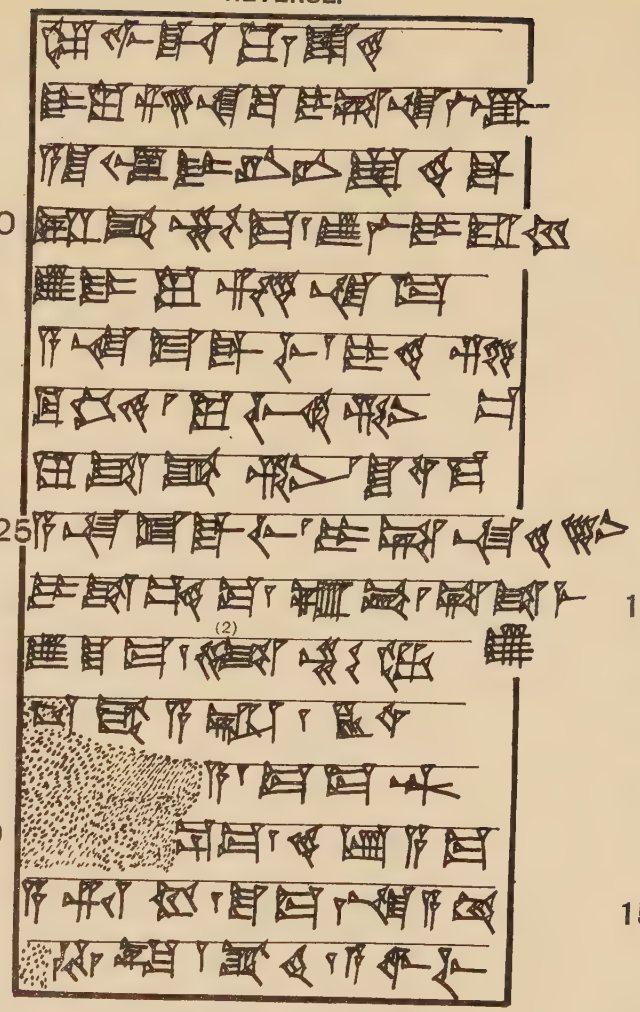
PLATE 35.

OBVERSE.

No. 113387.

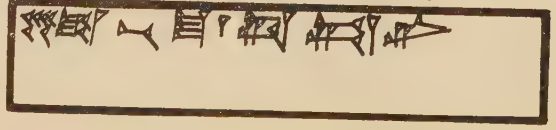


REVERSE.



(2)

No. 113387. LEFT EDGE.



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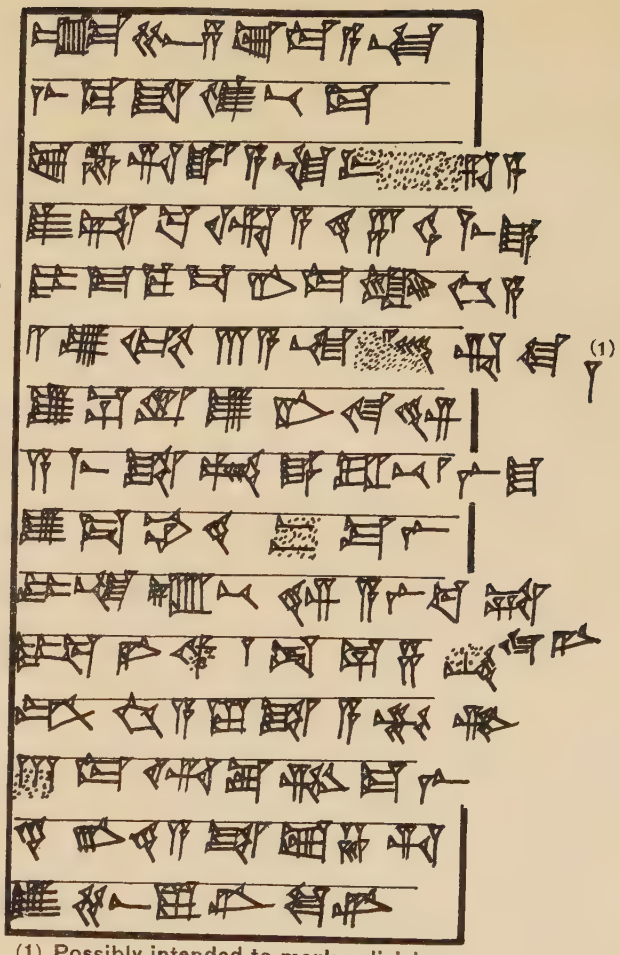
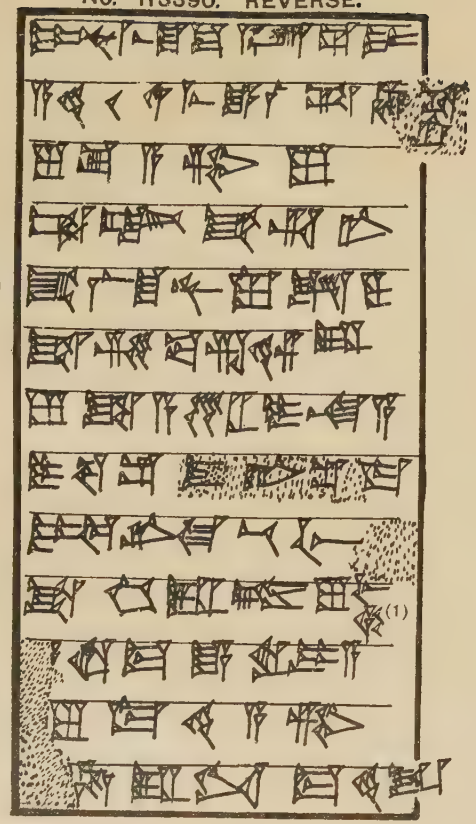


(1)

(1) Possibly intended to mark a division between the overlaps of obverse and reverse.

(2) *si*.

No. 113390. REVERSE.



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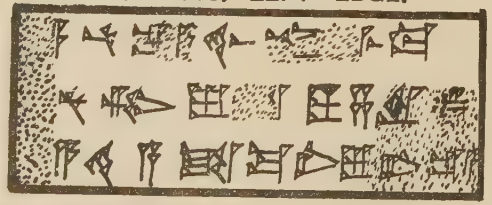
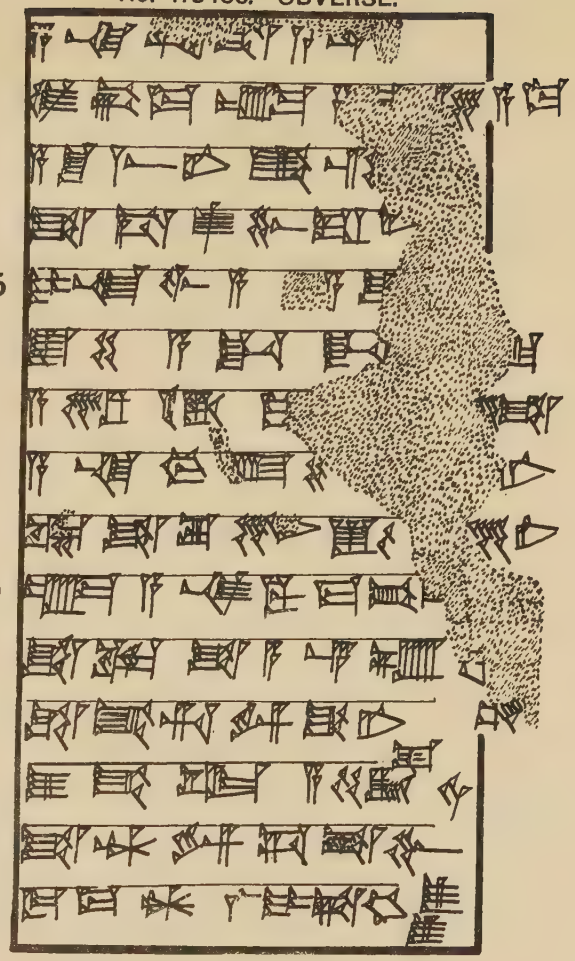


(1) *SIG, damku.*

No. 113406. OBVERSE.



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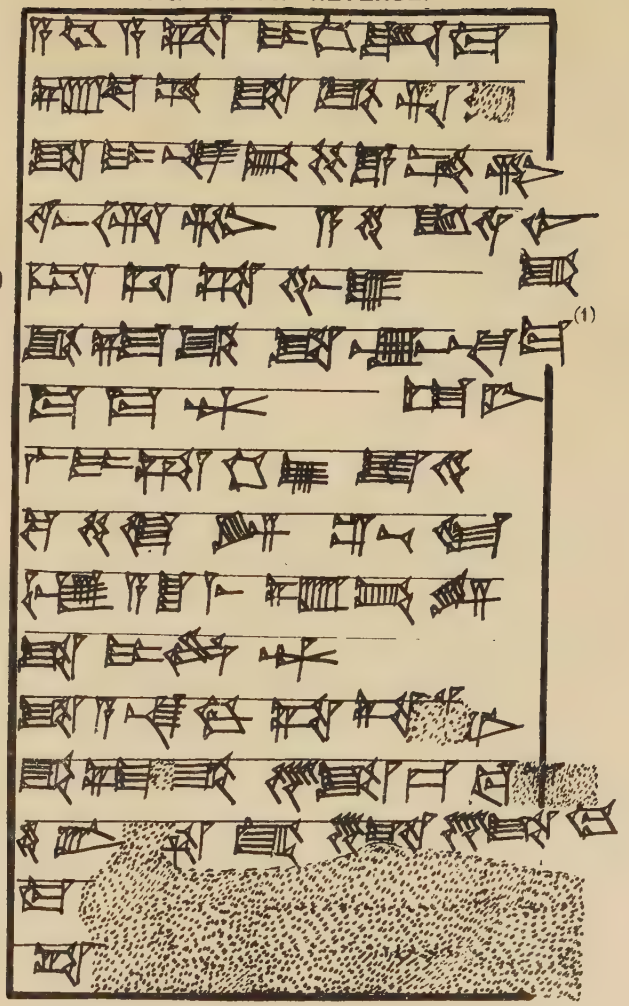
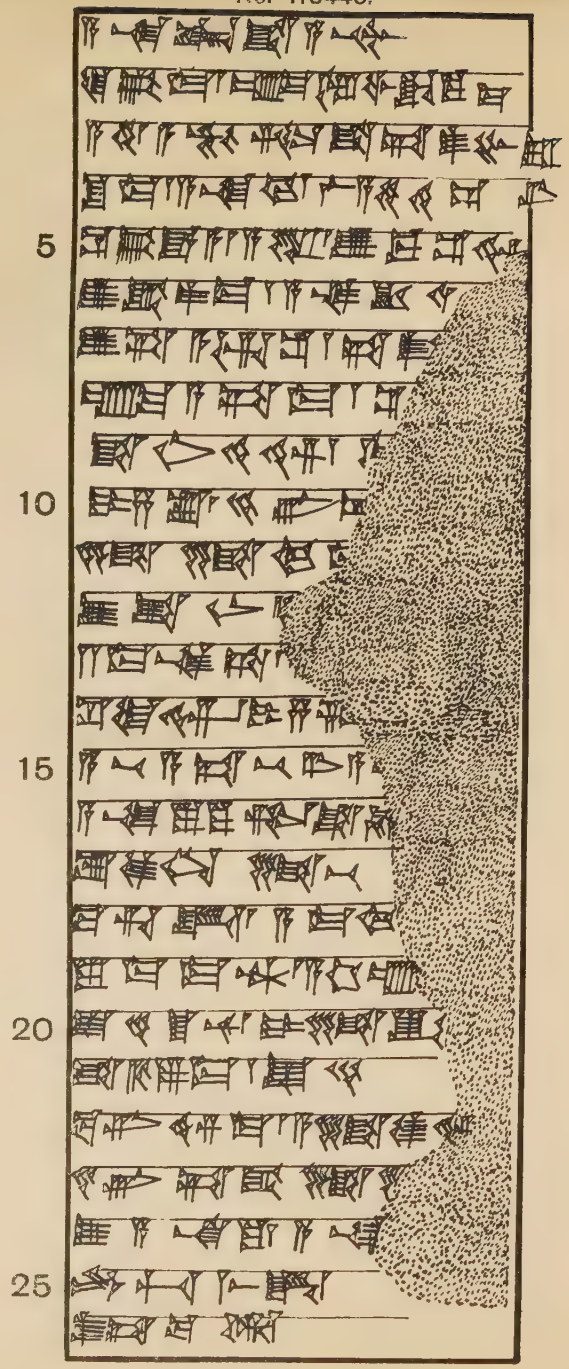
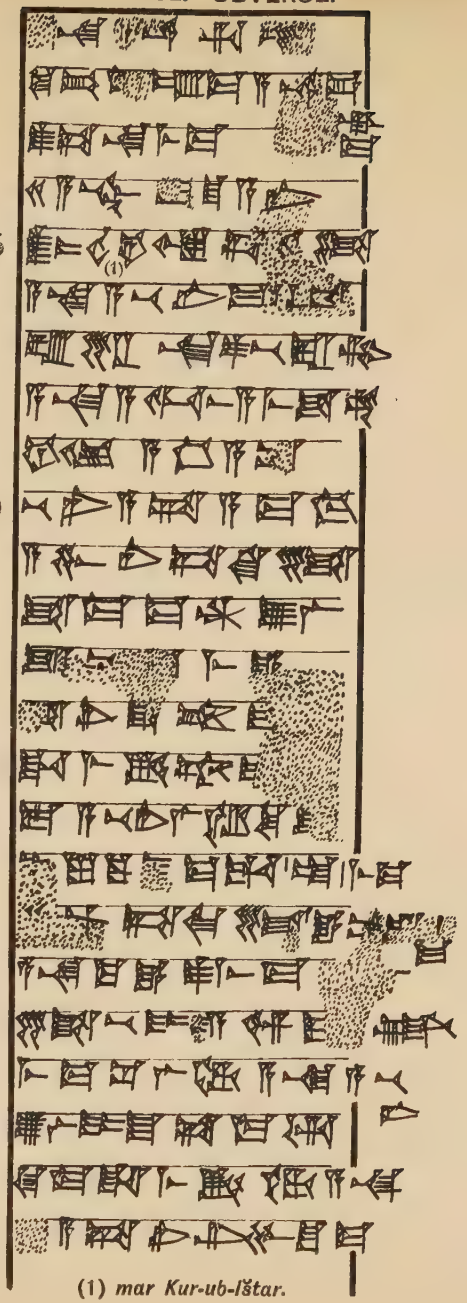


(1) To be read with line 19.

No. 113440.

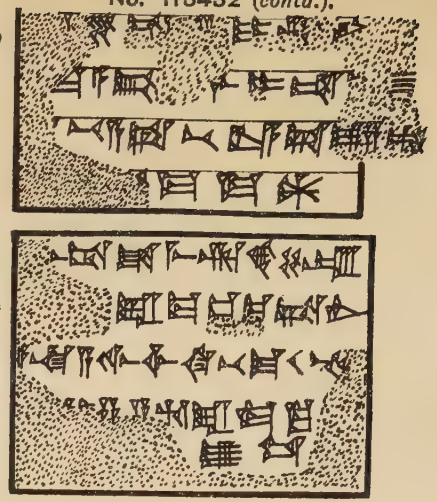


No. 113432. OBVERSE.

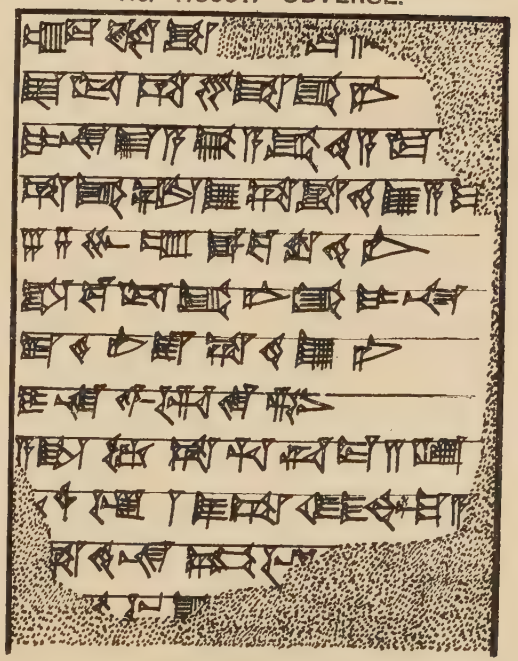


(1) *mar Kur-ub-lštar.*

No. 113432 (*contd.*).



No. 113567. OBVERSE.



(Remainder of Obverse and Edge broken.)

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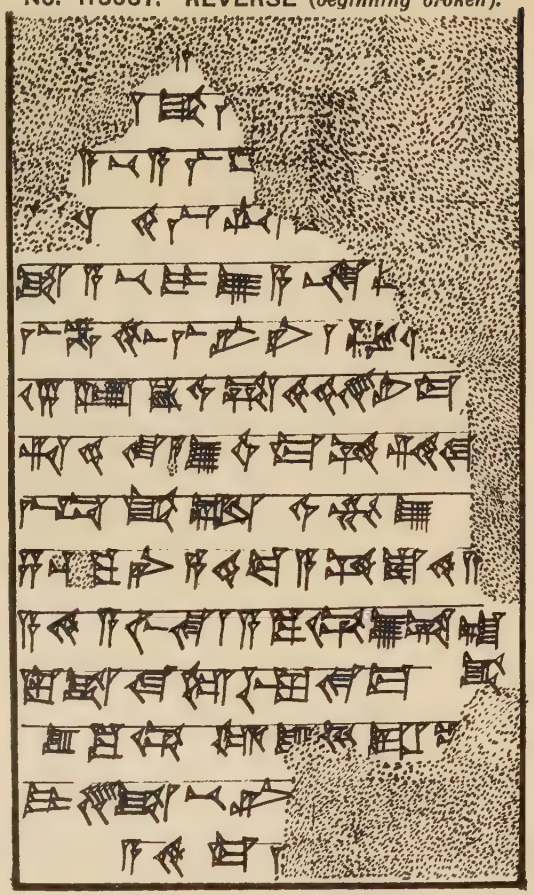
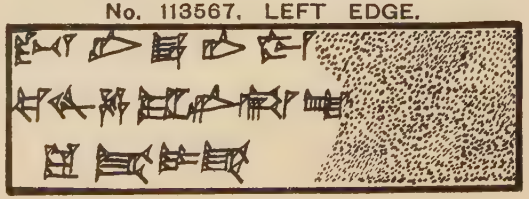
PLATE 38.

No. 113567. REVERSE (*beginning broken*).

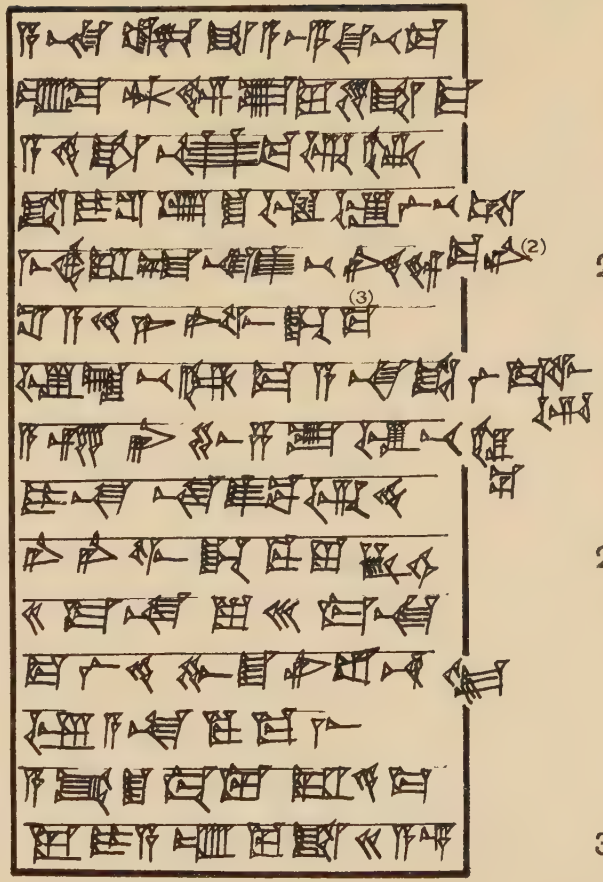


No. 113567. LEFT EDGE.

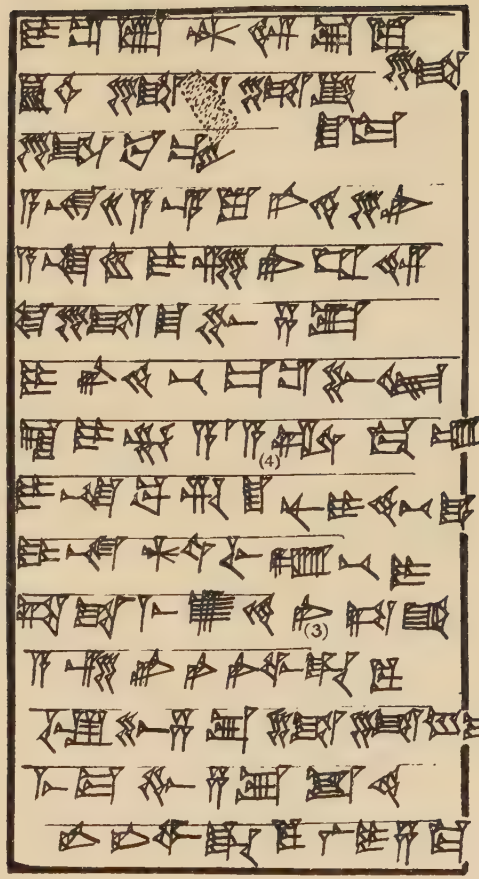


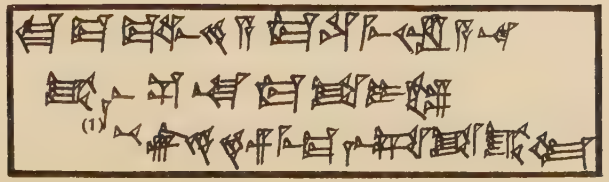
No. 113356.

OBVERSE.



REVERSE.

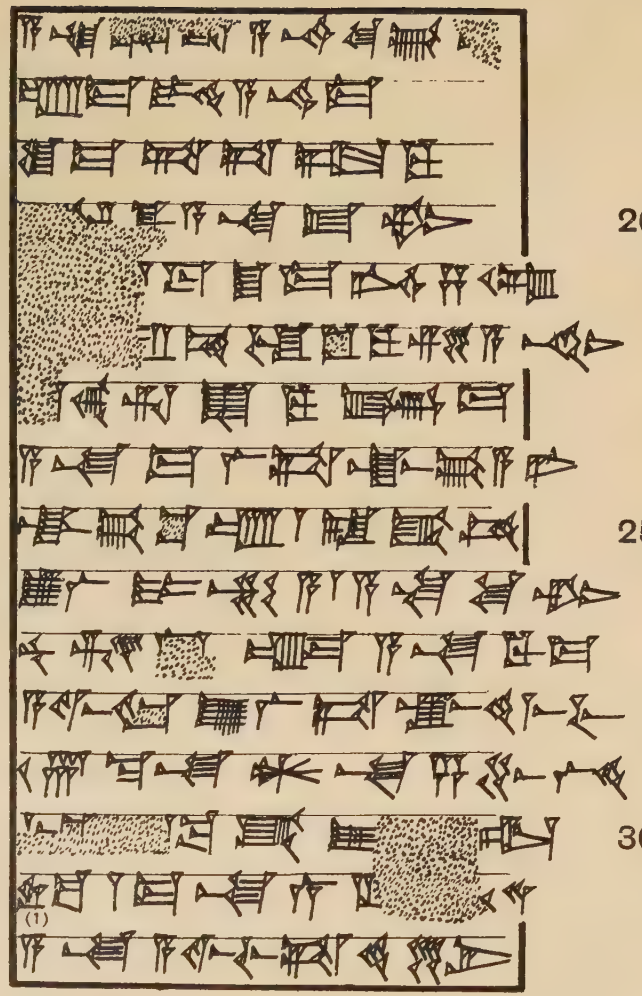




(1) It is possible that this sign is to be read with both lines—line 32, *ga-la-si-na-ma*, line 33, *la-be-ir-ti-im* (the old *igisu* tax). The trick may have arisen from false alignment in line 32 and the opportunity to take advantage of it.
(2) *-ku-ni* to be read with line above.
(3) *ir* (!).
(4) For *za* (?).

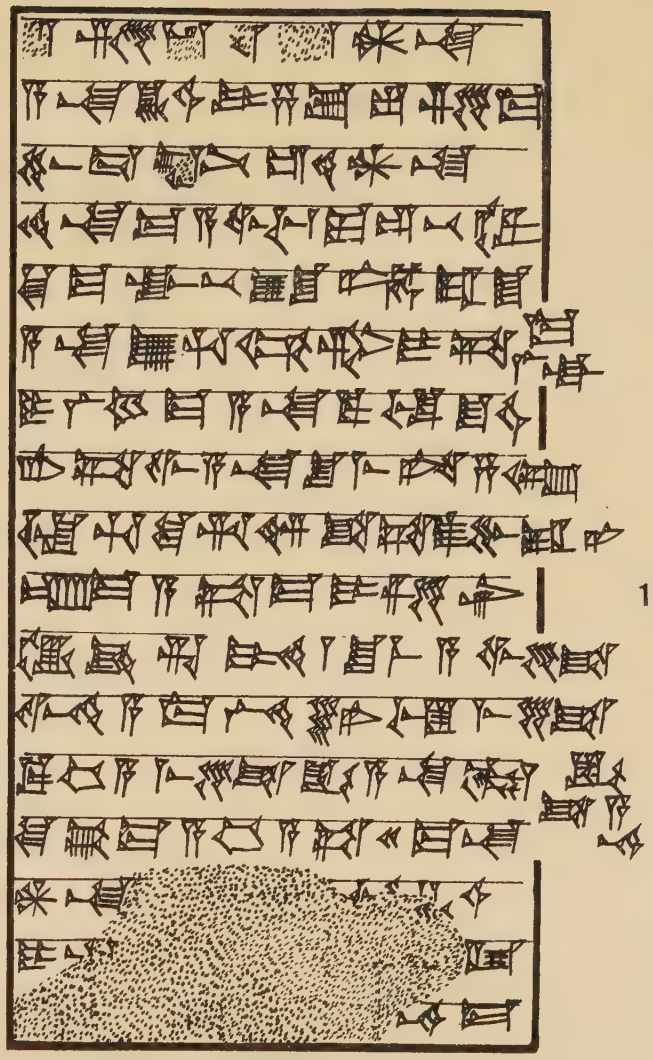
No. 113344.

OBVERSE.

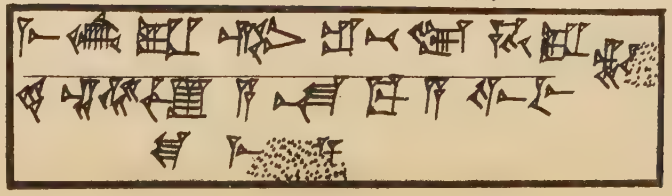


(1) *lib.*

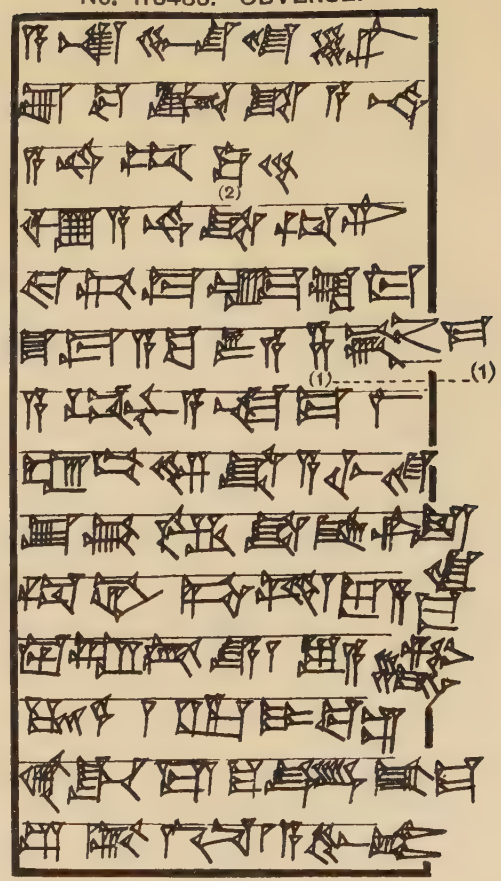
REVERSE.



No. 113344. LEFT EDGE.

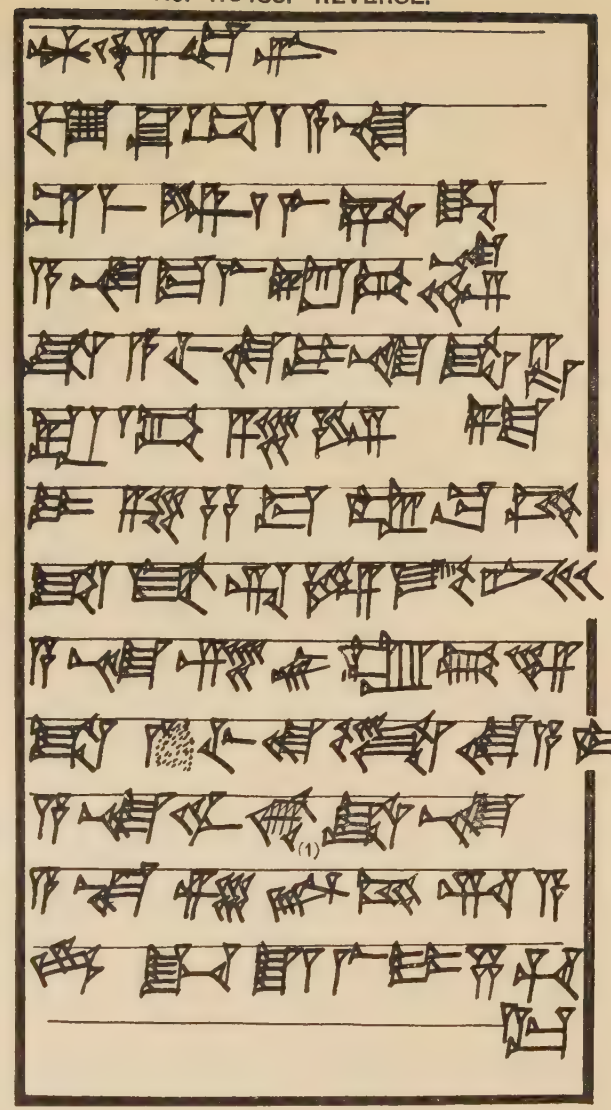


No. 113483. OBVERSE.



(1) To be read with line above.
(2) *A-šur-*^{du}*dukul-ti*, or has the scribe omitted *ul*?

No. 113483. REVERSE.



(1) *šu* omitted by scribe.

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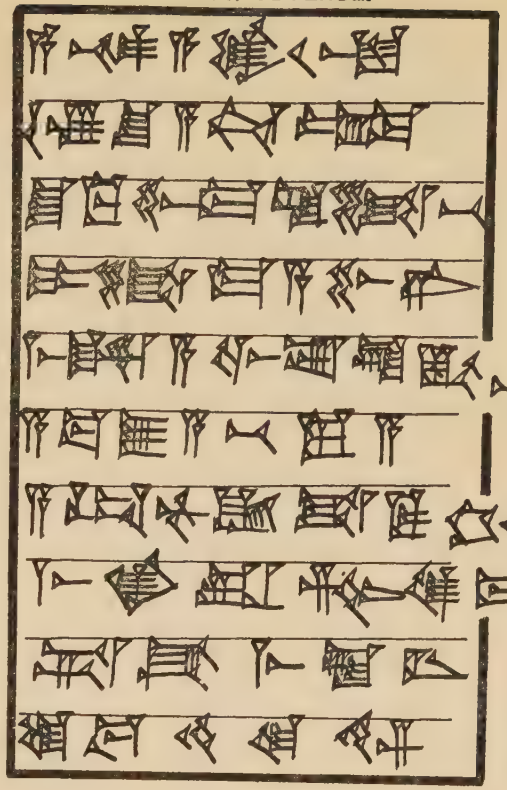

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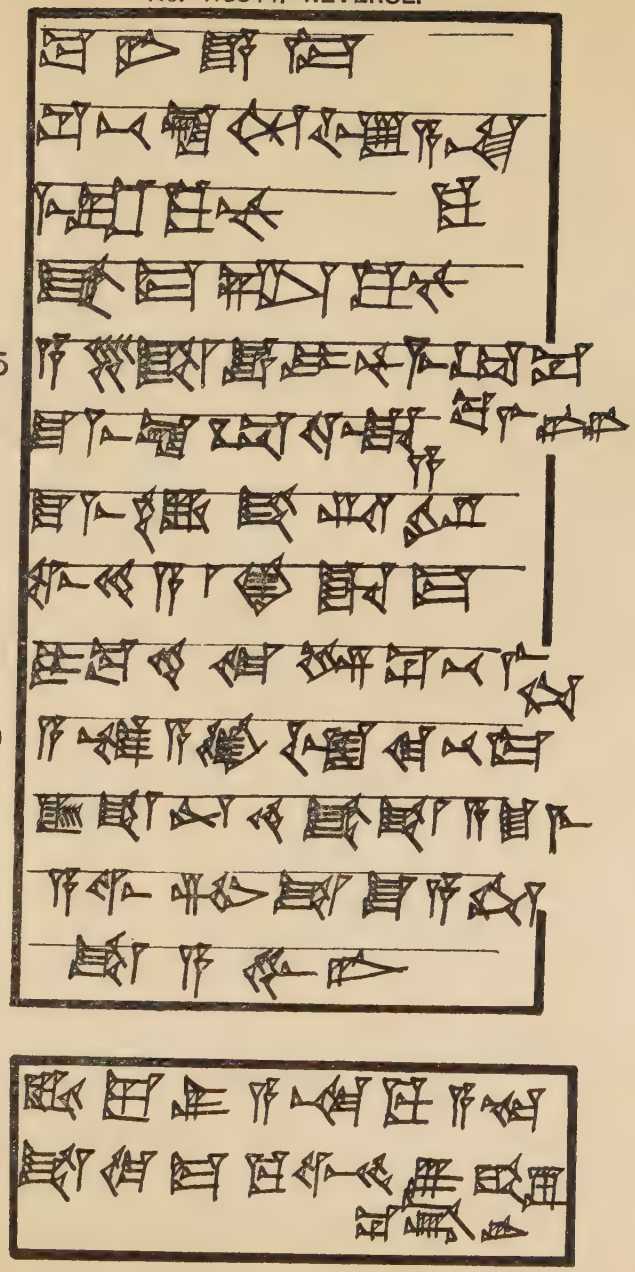

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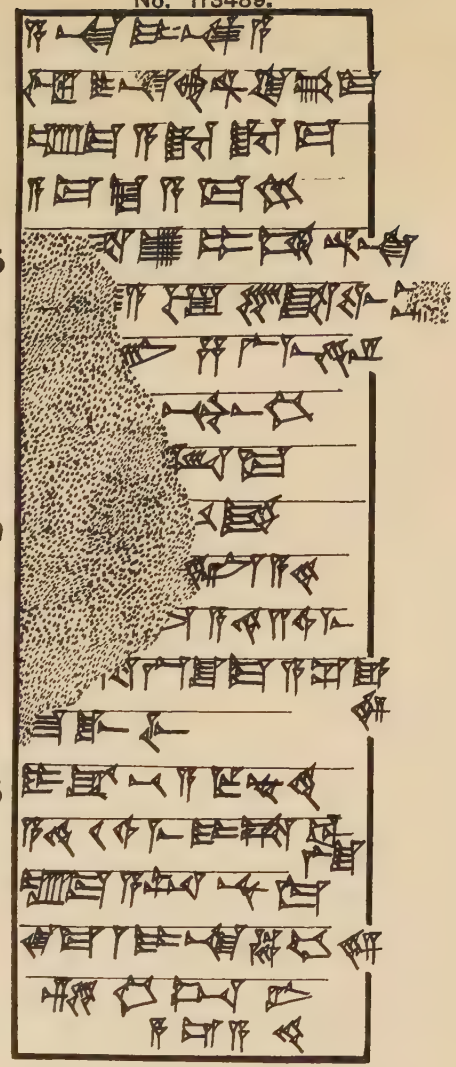

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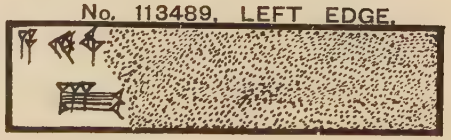
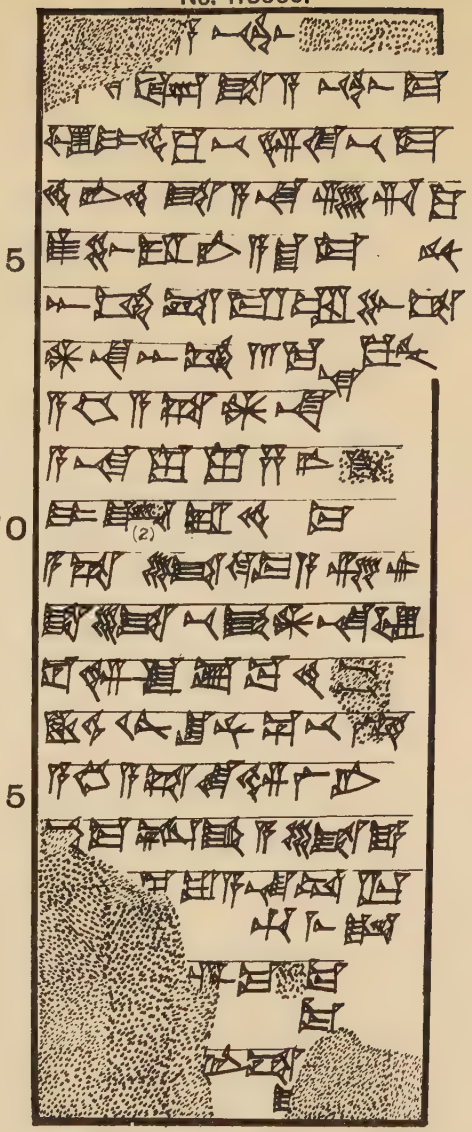


(2) Read *da*.

No. 113569.



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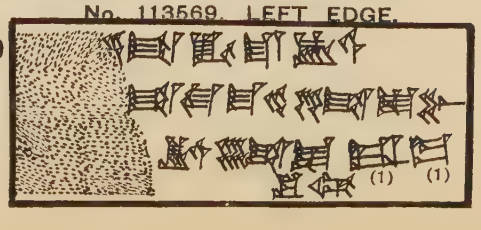

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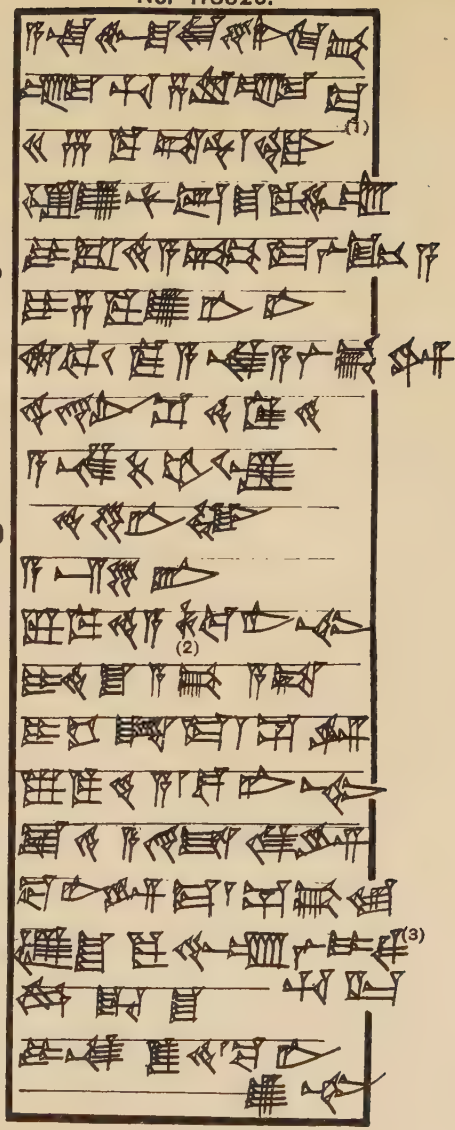

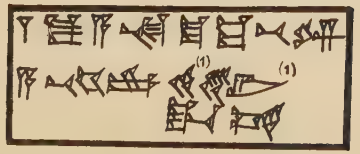

(1) To be read with line above.
(2) Word divider. Remainder scribal error.
(3) *DI*, read *sa*.

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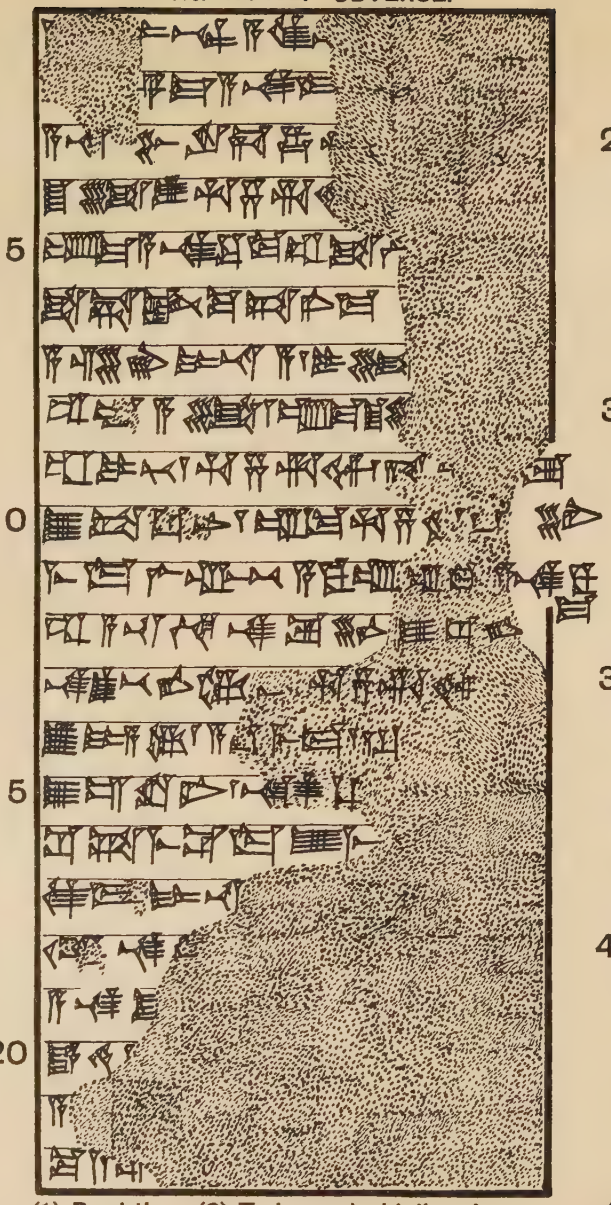

(1) Read *ti*. (2) To be read with line above.

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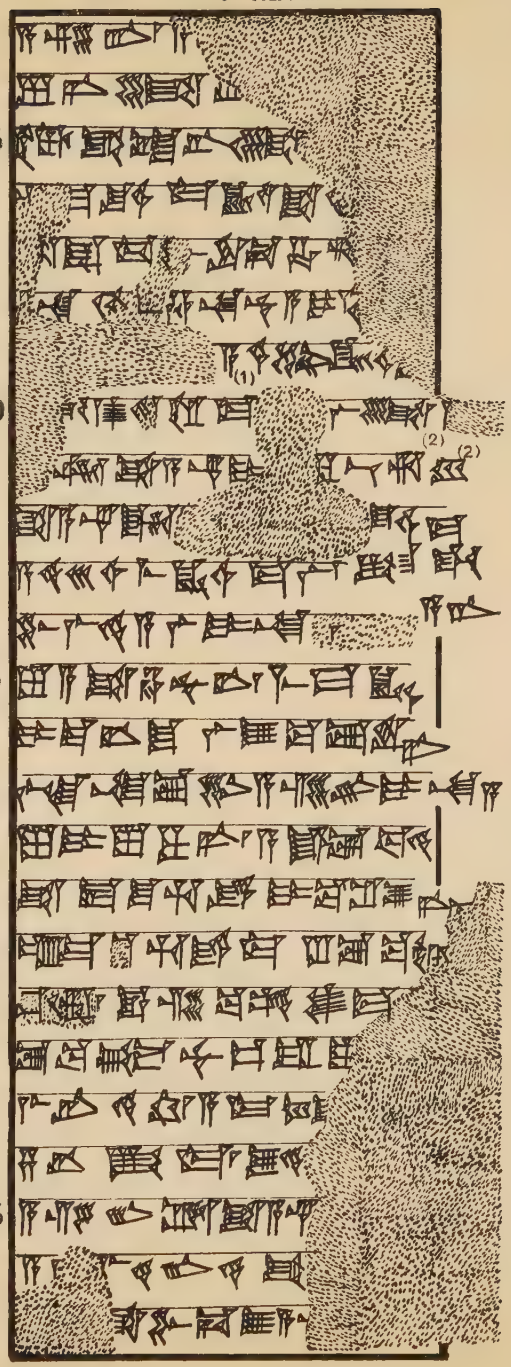

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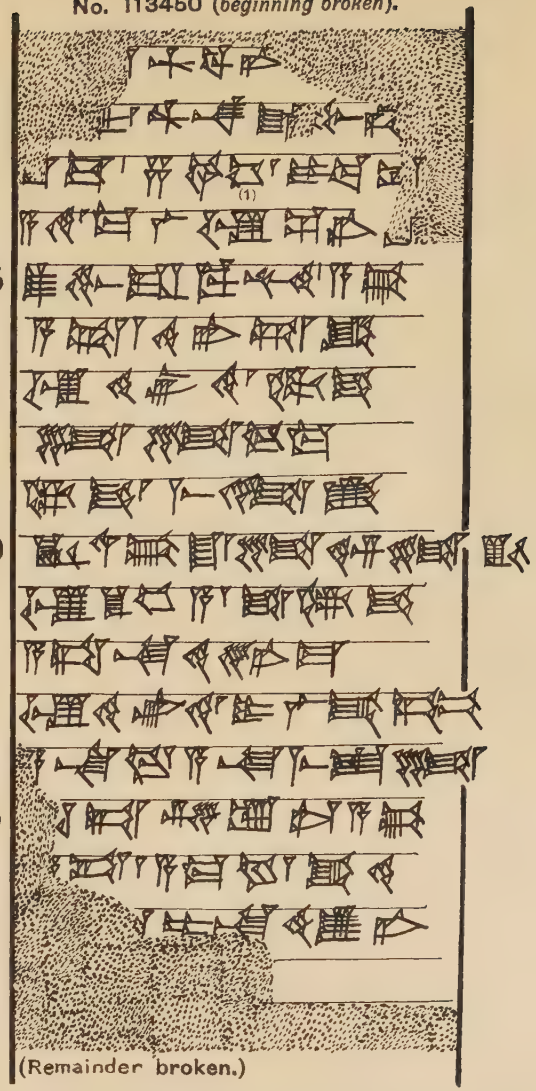

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(1) i.e. *GAM*.

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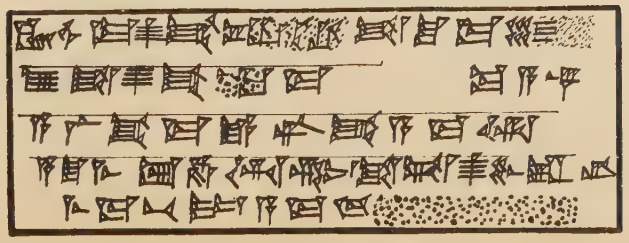

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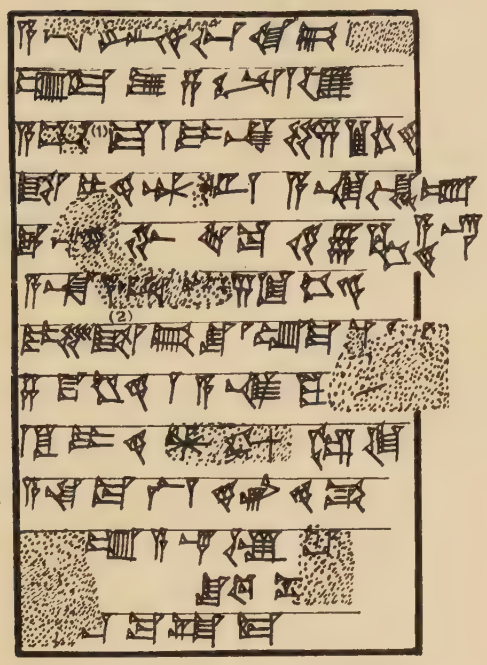
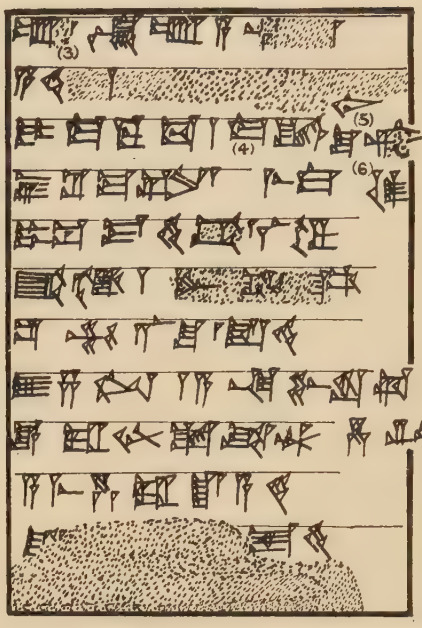


(1) The sign may be *A-du*. (2) Perhaps *A-du-ma*.

No. 113412. REVERSE.



(3) *ma*. (4) *TU*. (5) Two signs to be read with line 14.
(6) Belongs to line 17.

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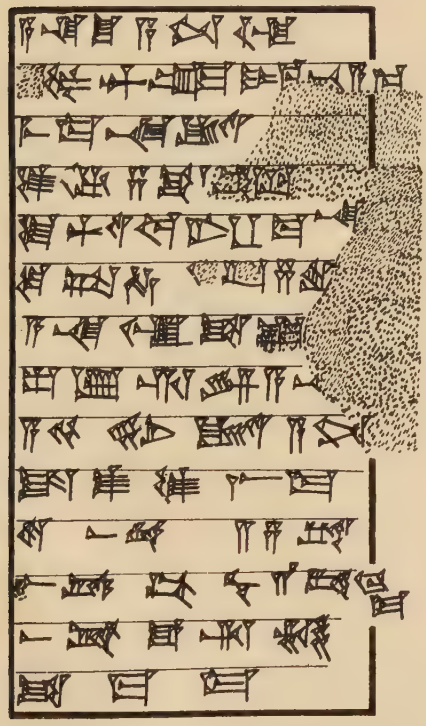
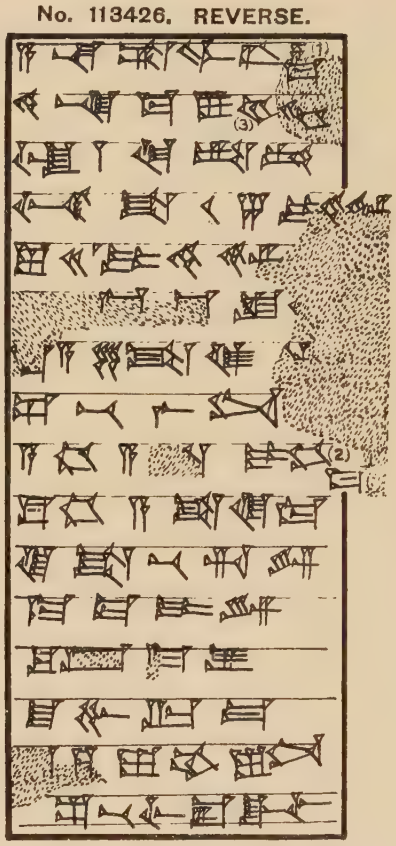


(1) Read *a* (?). (2) *id* omitted. (3) *ub*.

No. 113426. REVERSE.



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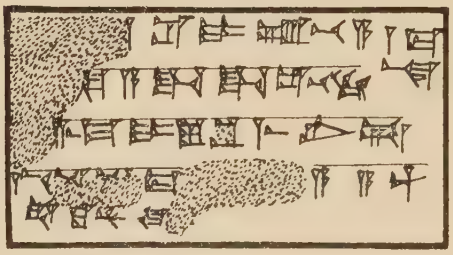

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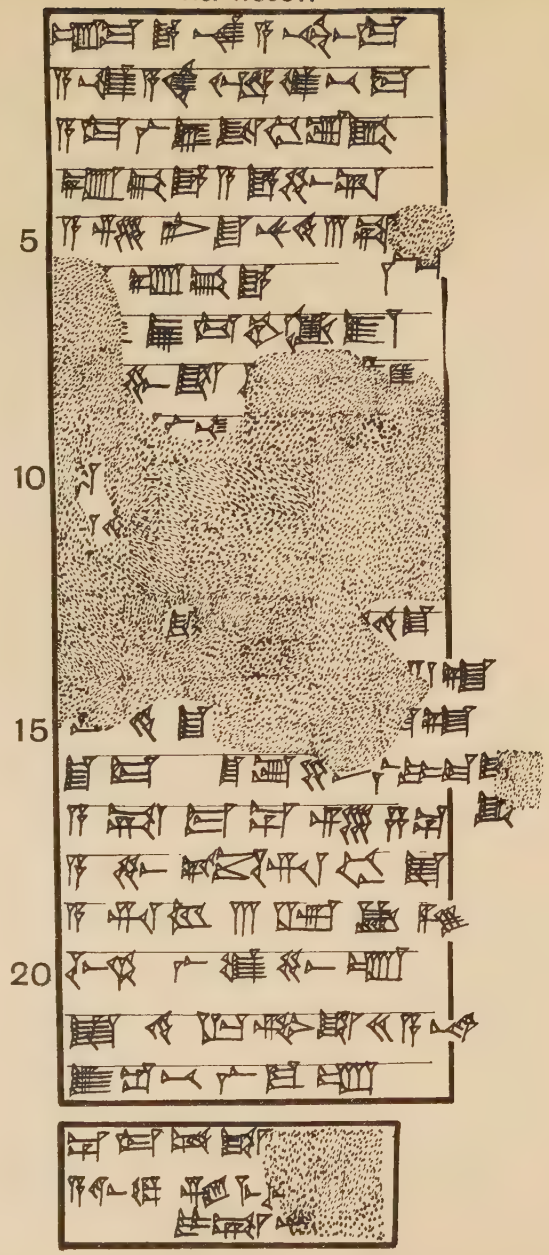

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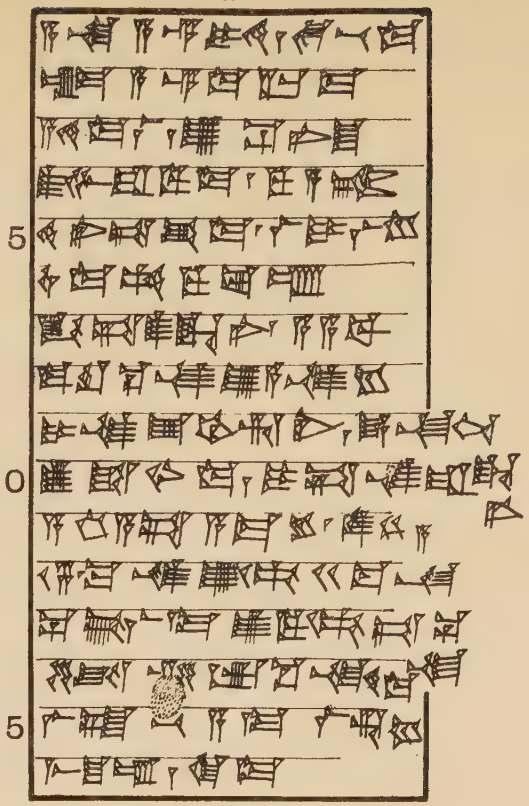

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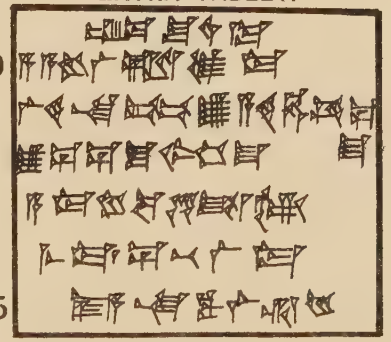

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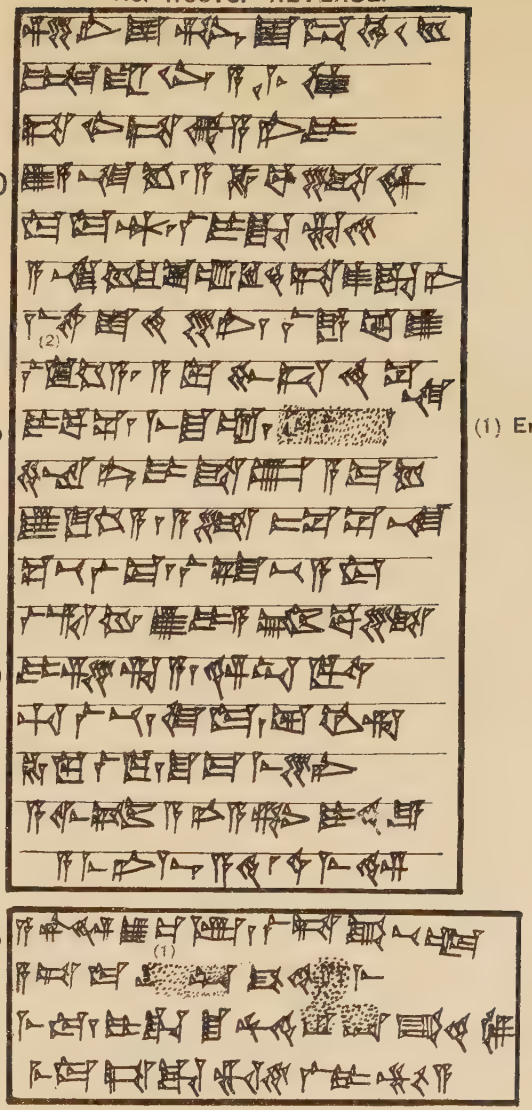
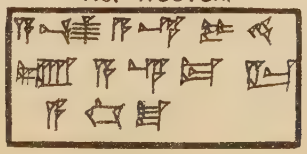


(1) Erasure by scribe.

(1) Read *si*. (2) *ITU* (?).

No. 113573A.



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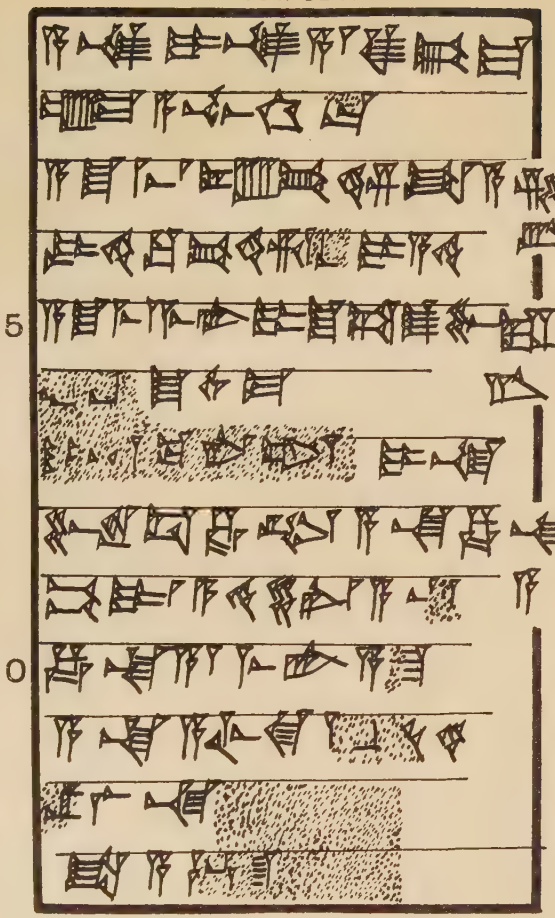
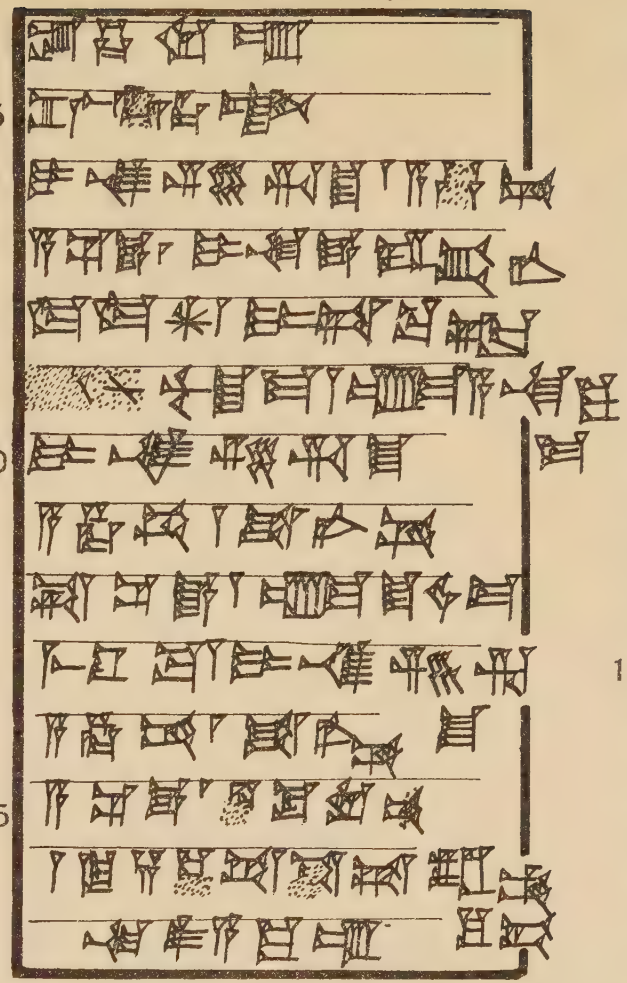


(1) Not deciphered. *See* pl. 20, note 4.

No. 113564. REVERSE.



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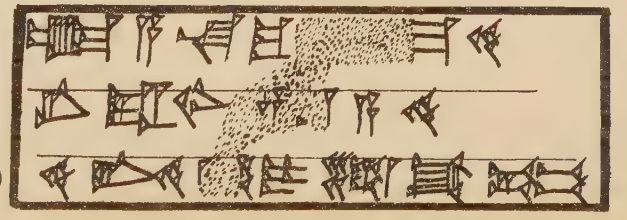

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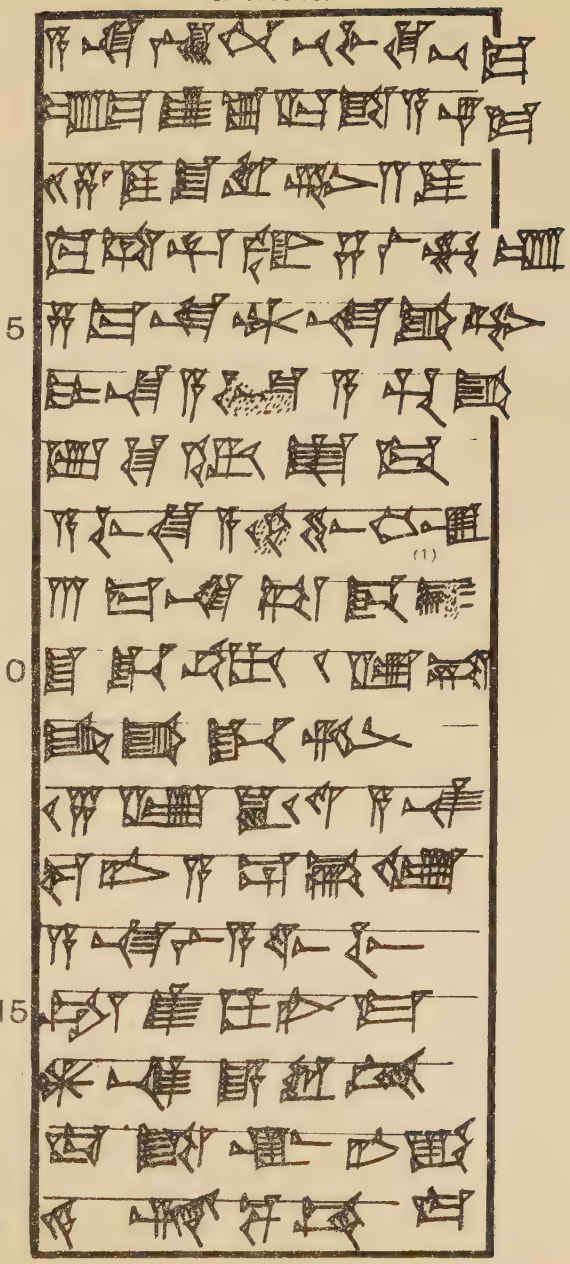

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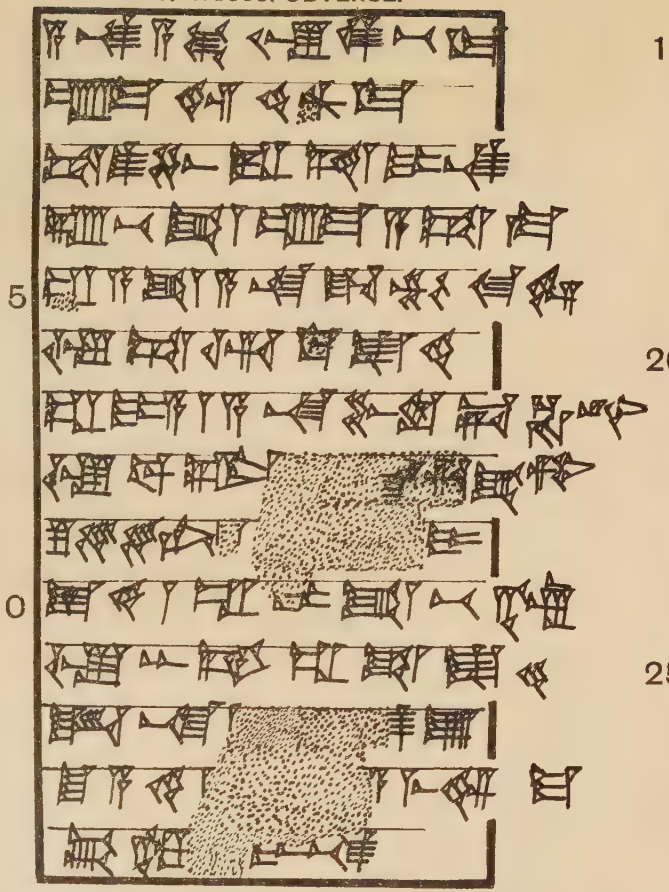

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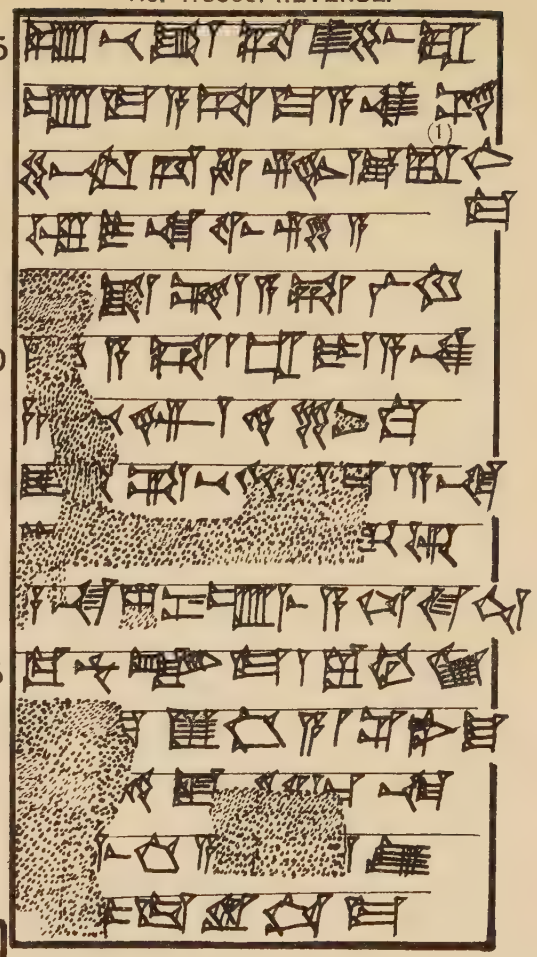

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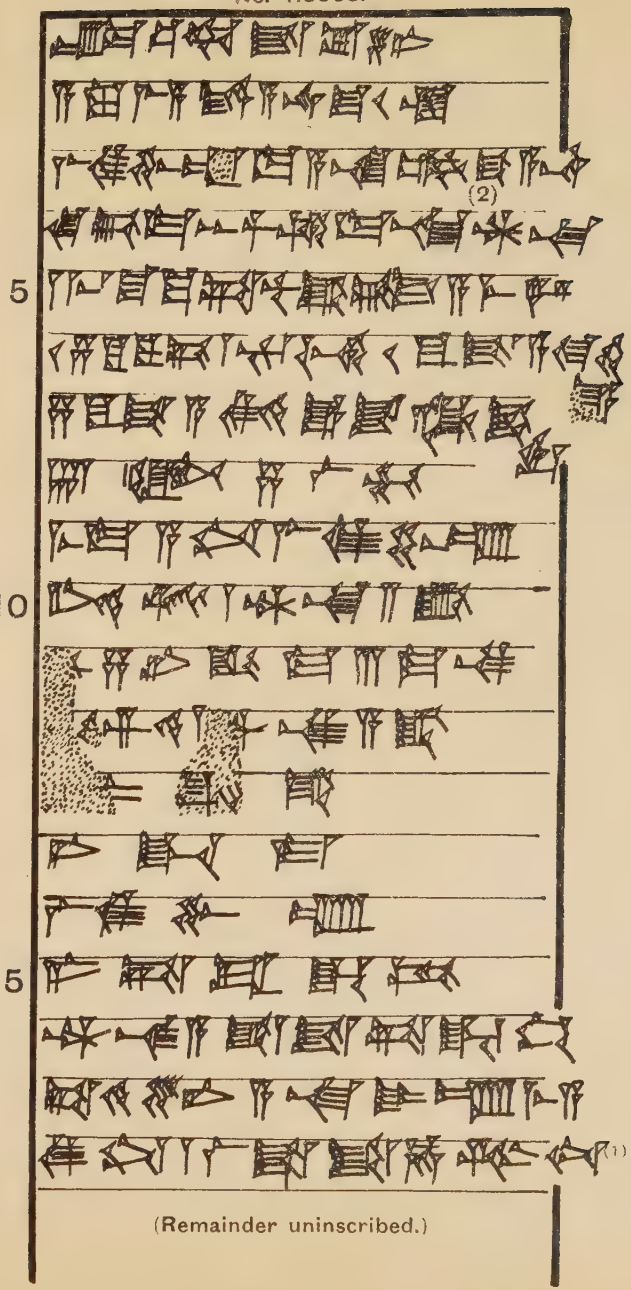

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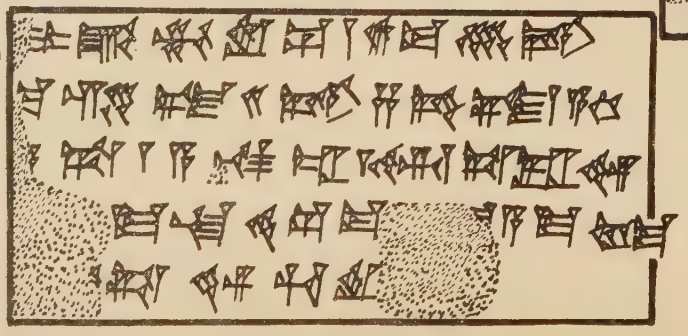

(1) To be read with line above.
(2) Read *BA*(?)-*ša*.

(Remainder uninscribed.)

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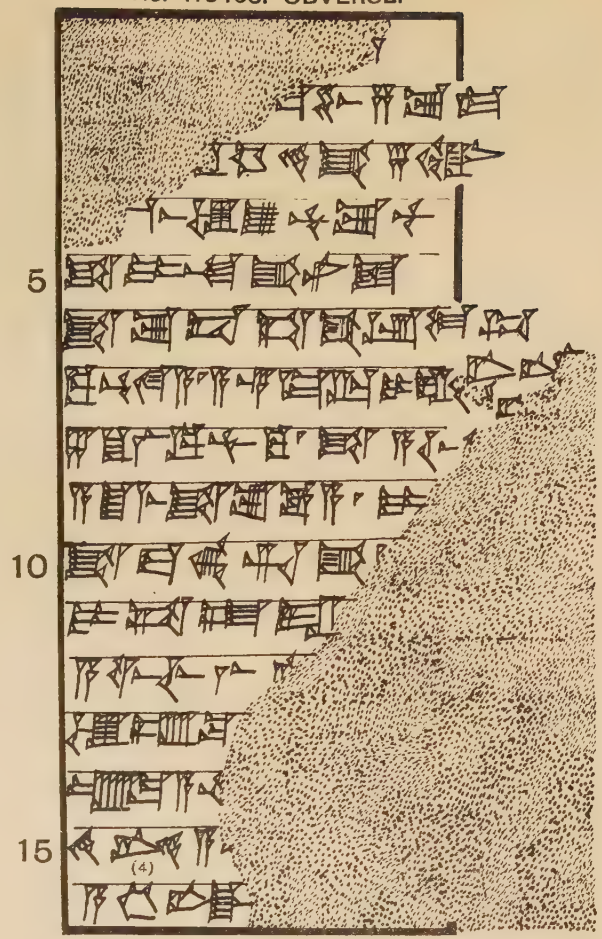

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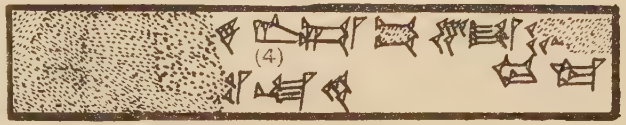
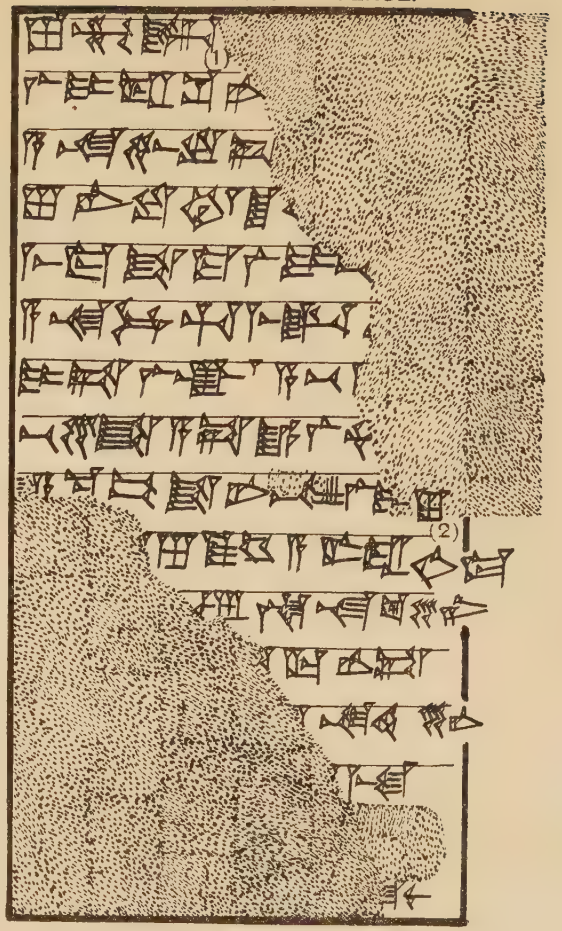


(1) i.e. *un*. (2) Read *la i-šu*.

No. 113468. REVERSE.



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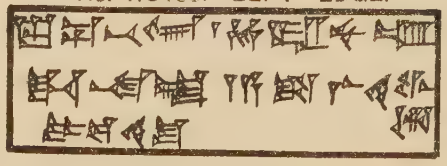

(3) Read *išti ba-ti*(?)-*ki*(?)-*im*.

(4) *ir*.

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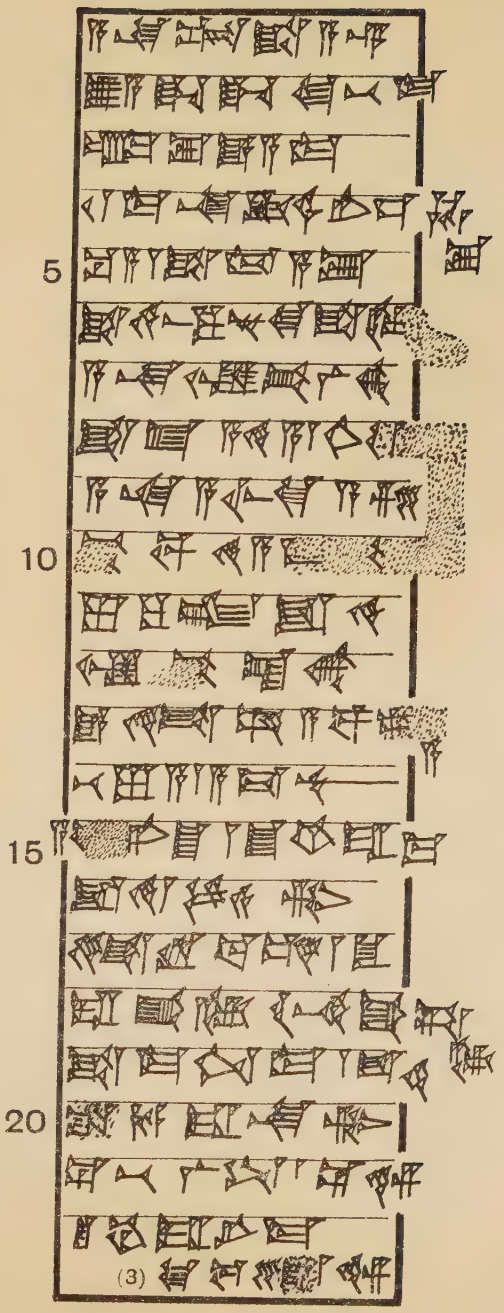

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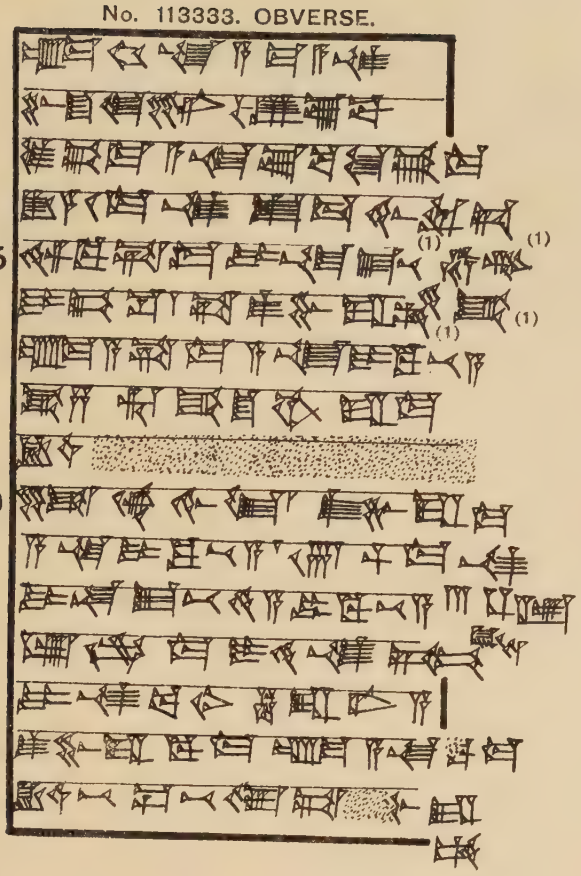

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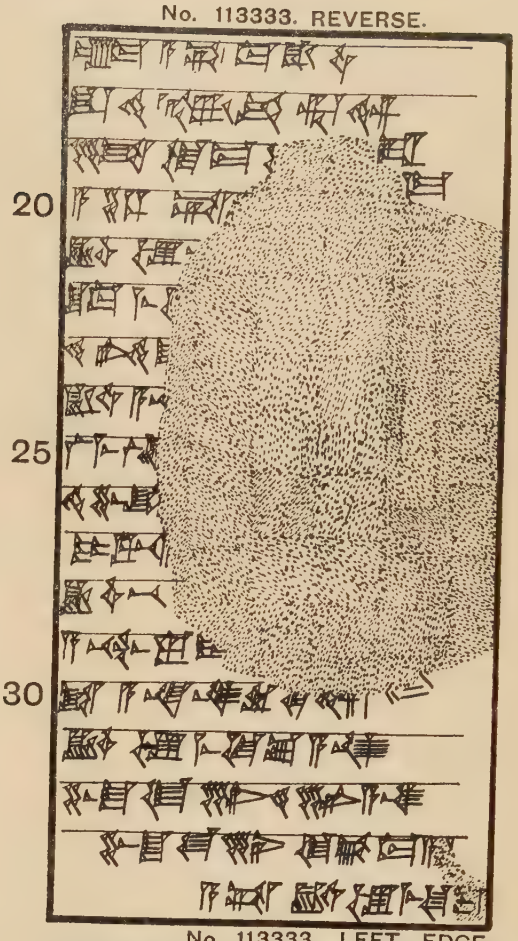

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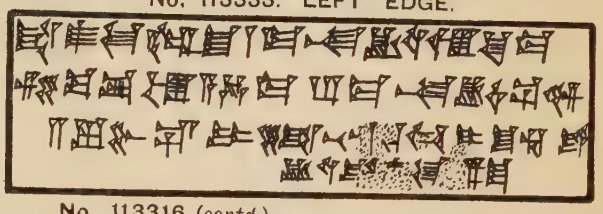

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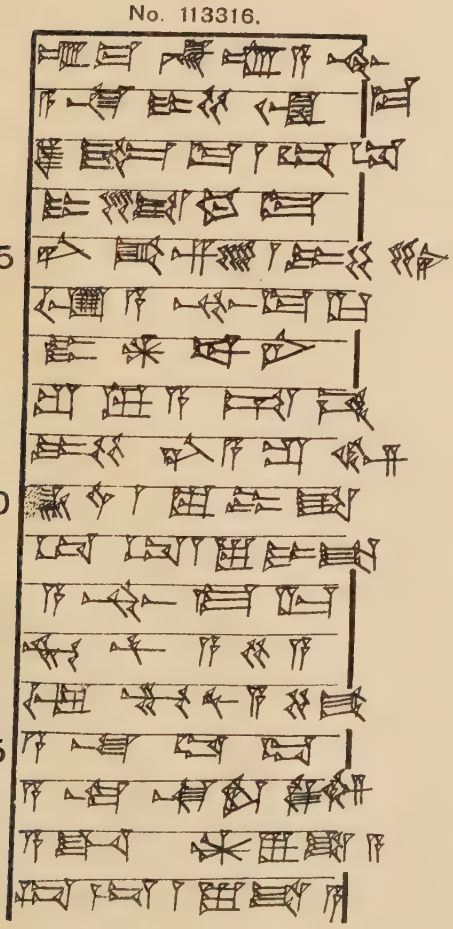

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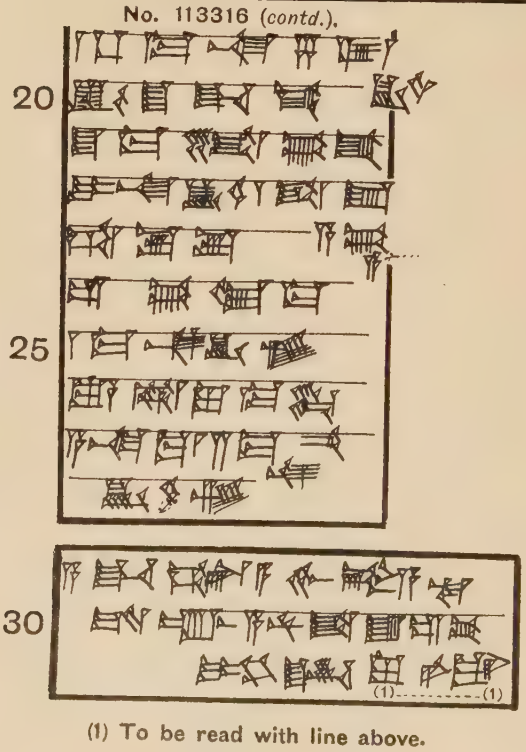

(1) To be read with line above.

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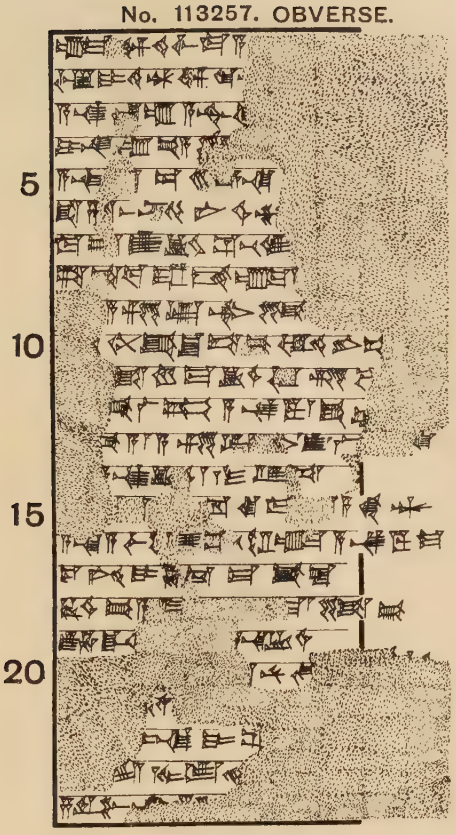

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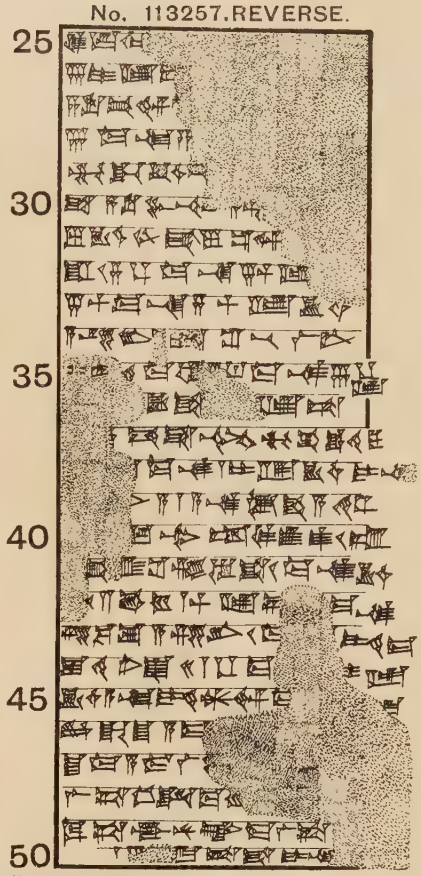

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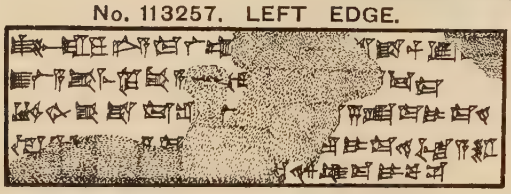

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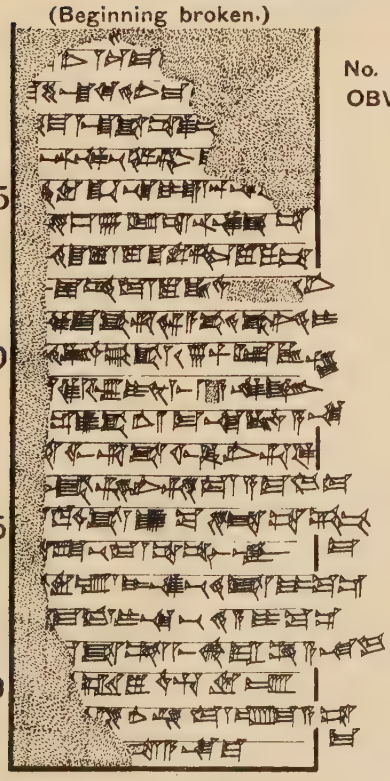

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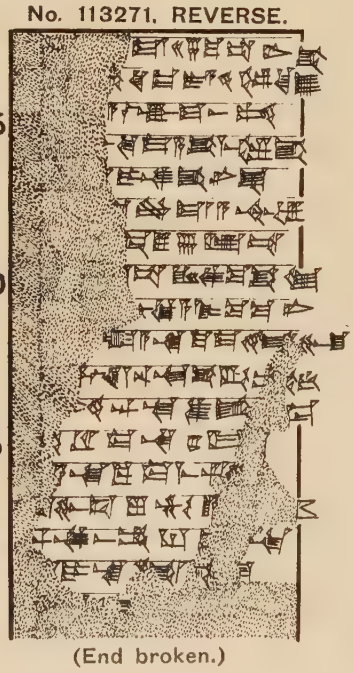

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